DC
ADVENTURE COMICS
ORIGIN ISSUE
20¢
NO. 428 AUG
30415
Adventure
COMICS
PRESENTS
BLACK ORCHID

If you want your parents to get you a Daisy B·B Gun, look at it from their point of view.

We'd like every boy to have the thrill of owning a Daisy B•B Gun. But we want them to be ready. And parents can usually tell if they are.

You see, a Daisy is a B•B gun. It's not a toy. And owning a gun is a big responsibility.

How do your parents know when you're ready?

Usually they can tell by the way you meet other responsibilities. Like picking up after yourself. Or pitching in when there's work to be done.

But if you're ready, a Daisy B•B Gun can be one of the most valuable things your parents ever give you. Because it doesn't just take responsibility. It teaches it.

It's the best way in the world for a boy to learn marksmanship and proper gun handling.

So, when you think you're ready for a Daisy, talk it over with your parents. Tell them you're ready to take on the responsibility of ownership.

We'll have the right Daisy B•B Gun for you.

Send for "The Air Rifle Marksman." Mail your name, address, and 25c to Daisy, P.O. Box 220, Rogers, Arkansas 72756.

The B·B Gun every boy dreams about.

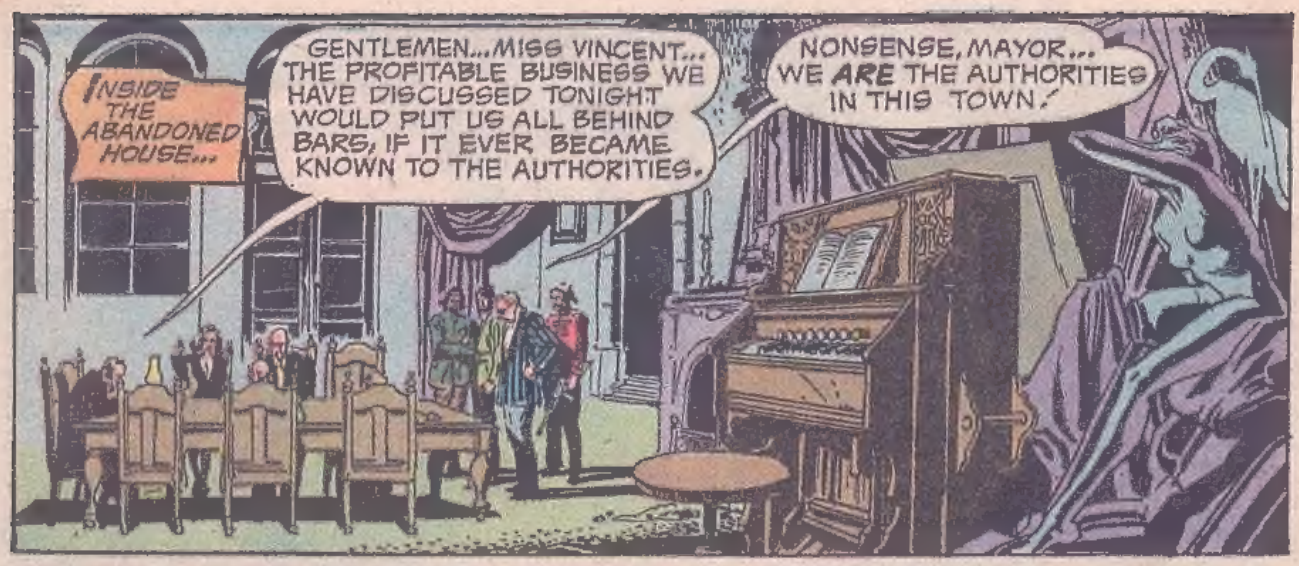
Division Victor Comptometer Corporation Rogers, Arkansas 72756

BLACK
ORCHID
IT WAS MIDNIGHT... A MAN... A GOOD MAN... WAS IN TROUBLE... AND SHE APPEARED! IT WAS AS SIMPLE AS THAT! SHE SHOWED A STRENGTH THAT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO BELIEVE..REMOVED THE MAN FROM DANGER... AND THEN VANISHED!--NOTHING MORE WAS KNOWN ABOUT HER, EXCEPT THAT EVERYONE WHO SAW HER AGREED THAT SHE LOOKED LIKE A HUGE FLOWER--AN ORCHID--A--
J-1674
ONCE EVERY YEAR A DIM LIGHT CAN BE SEEN IN A SINGLE WINDOW OF THIS ABANDONED, OLD HOUSE. FORTUNATELY FOR ITS ANNUAL VISITORS, THAT LIGHT HAS NEVER BEEN NOTICED... UNTIL TONIGHT...

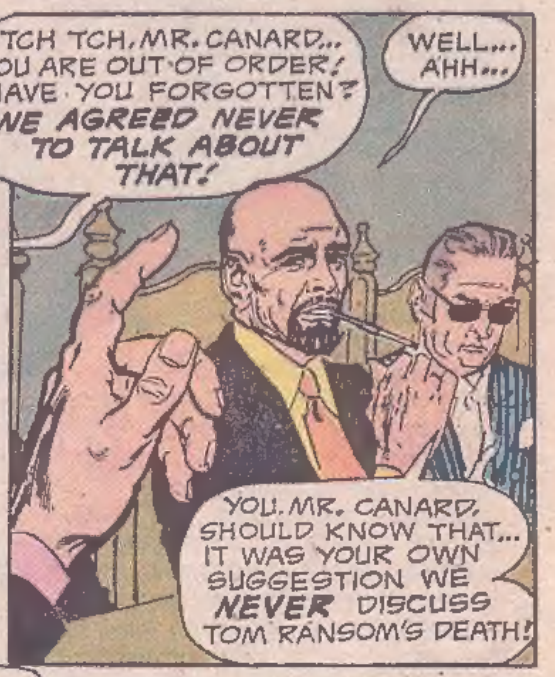
ADVENTURE COMICS, Vol. 39, No. 428, July-Aug., 1973. Published bi-monthly by NATIONAL PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS, INC., 909 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022. Carmine Infantino, Publisher. Joe Orlando, Editor. E. Nelson Bridwell, Assistant Editor. Sol Harrison, Production Manager. Second Class Postage paid at New York, N.Y. and additional mailing offices. Advertising Representative, Sanford Schwarz & Co., Inc., 16 West 46th Street, New York, N.Y. 10036. Copyright © 1973 by National Periodical Publications, Inc. All Rights Reserved. The stories, characters and incidents mentioned in this magazine are entirely fictional. No actual persons, living or dead, are intended or should be inferred. Printed in U.S.A.

SUBSCRIPTION DEPT.: P.O. Box 1047, Flushing, N.Y. 11352. Rates for fifteen 20c issues $3.00 in U.S. and Possessions; $4.00 elsewhere.

This periodical may not be sold except by authorized dealers and is sold subject to the conditions that it shall not be sold or distributed with any part of its cover or markings removed, nor in a mutilated condition, nor affixed to, nor as part of any advertising, literary or pictorial matter whatsoever.

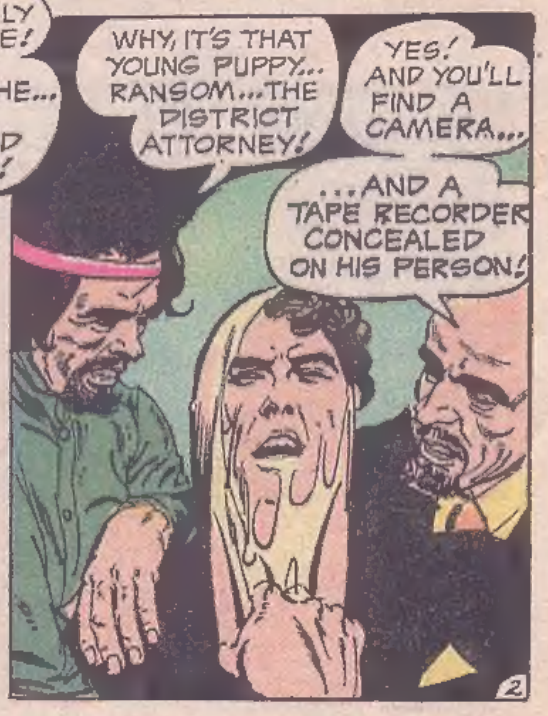

INSIDE THE ABANDONED HOUSE...
GENTLEMEN...MISS VINCENT... THE PROFITABLE BUSINESS WE HAVE DISCUSSED TONIGHT WOULD PUT US ALL BEHIND BARS, IF IT EVER BECAME KNOWN TO THE AUTHORITIES.
NONSENSE, MAYOR... WE ARE THE AUTHORITIES IN THIS TOWN!

YES... EXCEPT FOR THAT YOUNG D.A., KEN RANSOM! HE IS OUT TO SMASH OUR LITTLE SET-UP...AS HIS BROTHER TRIED BEFORE HIM. YOU RECALL...
YES, AND WE RECALL WHAT HAPPENED TO HIS BROTHER, TOO... A CONVENIENT ACCIDENT!


TCH TCH, MR. CANARD... YOU ARE OUT OF ORDER! HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? WE AGREED NEVER TO TALK ABOUT THAT!
WELL... AHH...
YOU, MR. CANARD, SHOULD KNOW THAT... IT WAS YOUR OWN SUGGESTION WE NEVER DISCUSS TOM RANSOM'S DEATH!

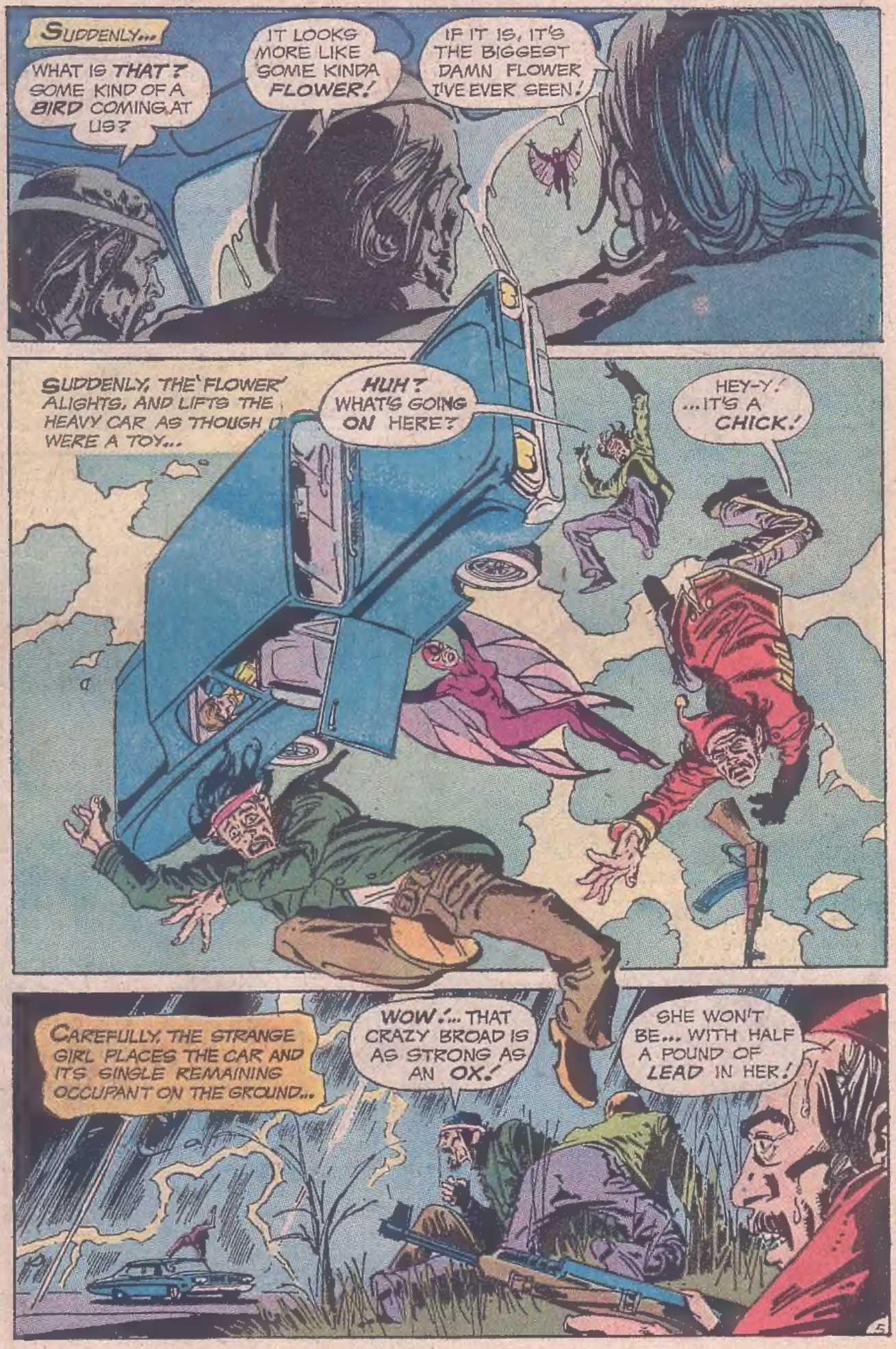
SUDDENLY, THE DOOR BURSTS OPEN AND ALL EYES TURN IN AMAZEMENT TOWARD A NEW ARRIVAL...

CANARD?! HOW CAN THERE BE TWO OF YOU?
THERE'S REALLY ONLY ONE OF ME! YANK ON THAT MAN'S MUSTACHE... WHICH YOU'LL PROBABLY FIND IS NOT REAL!


WHY, IT'S THAT YOUNG PUPPY... RANSOM...THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY!
YES! AND YOU'LL FIND A CAMERA...
...AND A TAPE RECORDER CONCEALED ON HIS PERSON!

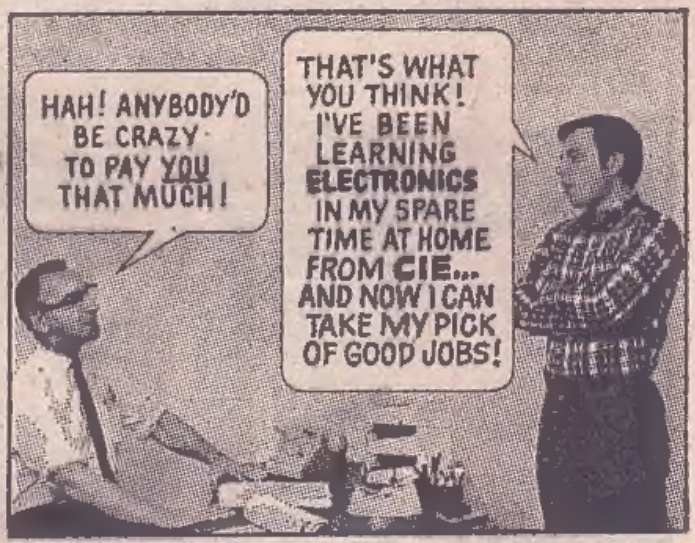
YES... AND I MEAN TO GET THEM BOTH OUT OF HERE! I'VE GOT THE GOODS ON YOUR WHOLE ROTTEN COMBINE!
HELLO, KEN.
JIM CROCKER! AM I GLAD TO SEE MY OWN HAND-PICKED POLICE COMMISSIONER! LISTEN! ... CANARD GOT AWAY FROM YOUR MEN, AND ALMOST RUINED MY PLAN!
HE DIDN'T GET AWAY... MY MEN LET HIM GO... ON MY ORDERS!
ON YOUR ORDERS? ...OH, NO... I THOUGHT SURE I COULD COUNT ON THE POLICE DEPARTMENT!
--TO DO OUR JOBS! ... BUT I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY WITH IT!
YOU PROBABLY CAN... THEY'RE ALL PITIFULLY HONEST MEN... EXCEPT FOR ONE ROTTEN APPLE! ... ME! ... SORRY ABOUT THAT, RANSOM!
YOU SHOULD BE! ... IT'S MEN LIKE YOU WHO MAKE IT SO HARD FOR THE REST OF US--
3

LOOK! THIS TIE-CLASP CONCEALED A TINY TAPE RECORDER! AND SEE THE RING? ...A CAMERA!
SNERFF, YOU AND YOUR BOYS TAKE THIS MAN AND ARRANGE AN ACCIDENT!
RIGHT. LEAVE IT TO US!
OH, NO!
NO! NO! YOU'RE NOT GOING TO KILL HIM! NO! NOT ANOTHER MURDER!
BE QUIET, GLADYS! YOU HAVE AS MUCH TO LOSE AS ANY OF US!... DON'T FORGET THOSE PAVING CONTRACTS YOUR COMPANY GOT FROM THE CITY!
WHEN THE YOUNG D.A. REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS, HE FINDS HIMSELF IN THE BACK SEAT OF A SPEEDING CAR...
IF THAT TAPE ON YOUR MOUTH AND THEM ROPES IS UNCOMFORTABLE, PAL, DON'T WORRY. WE'LL TAKE 'EM OFF AFTER WE KILL YA!
4


SUDDENLY...
WHAT IS THAT? SOME KIND OF A BIRD COMING AT US?
IT LOOKS MORE LIKE SOME KINDA FLOWER!
IF IT IS, IT'S THE BIGGEST DAMN FLOWER I'VE EVER SEEN!
SUDDENLY, THE 'FLOWER' ALIGHTS, AND LIFTS THE HEAVY CAR AS THOUGH IT WERE A TOY...
HUH? WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
HEY-Y! ...IT'S A CHICK!
CAREFULLY, THE STRANGE GIRL PLACES THE CAR AND ITS SINGLE REMAINING OCCUPANT ON THE GROUND...
WOW!... THAT CRAZY BROAD IS AS STRONG AS AN OX!
SHE WON'T BE... WITH HALF A POUND OF LEAD IN HER!

HOLY MACKEREL! I'M OUTA BULLETS AND SHE'S STILL COMING!
WHY CAN'T WE HIT HER?
I AM HITTING HER! THE SLUGS KEEP BOUNCING OFFA HER!
A FEW MINUTES LATER...
THANKS... THAT TAPE WAS BEGINNING TO ITCH... LISTEN... WHO IN THE WORLD ARE YOU?
THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT NOW... YOUR HEAD IS BLEEDING... I'VE GOT TO GET YOU TO A DOCTOR!
GOOD GOD! I THOUGHT THIS ONLY HAPPENED IN COMIC BOOKS!
UNTIL NOW, IT PROBABLY DID! ...I'VE NEVER DONE THIS BEFORE!
THAT'S NOT A DOCTOR'S OFFICE... THAT'S MY OWN HOUSE DOWN THERE!
OF COURSE! YOUR SISTER-IN-LAW IS A LICENSED PHYSICIAN, ISN'T SHE?
CONTINUED ON 2ND PAGE FOLLOWING.
6

The day Bill told off his boss


HAH! ANYBODY'D BE CRAZY TO PAY YOU THAT MUCH!
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK! I'VE BEEN LEARNING ELECTRONICS IN MY SPARE TIME AT HOME FROM CIE... AND NOW I CAN TAKE MY PICK OF GOOD JOBS!

ARE YOU WORKING FOR PEANUTS IN A DEAD END JOB? GET SMART. SEND FOR 2 FREE BOOKS LIKE BILL DID!

Be sure to send for your 2 FREE books today. For your convenience, we will try to have a representative call. If coupon has been removed, write to Cleveland Institute of Electronics, Inc., 1776 East 17th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44114.

CIE Cleveland Institute of Electronics, Inc.

1776 East 17th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Accredited Member National Home Study Council

Please send me your 2 **FREE BOOKS** describing the opportunities in Electronics and how to prepare for them.

Name_____
(Please print)

Address_____

City_____

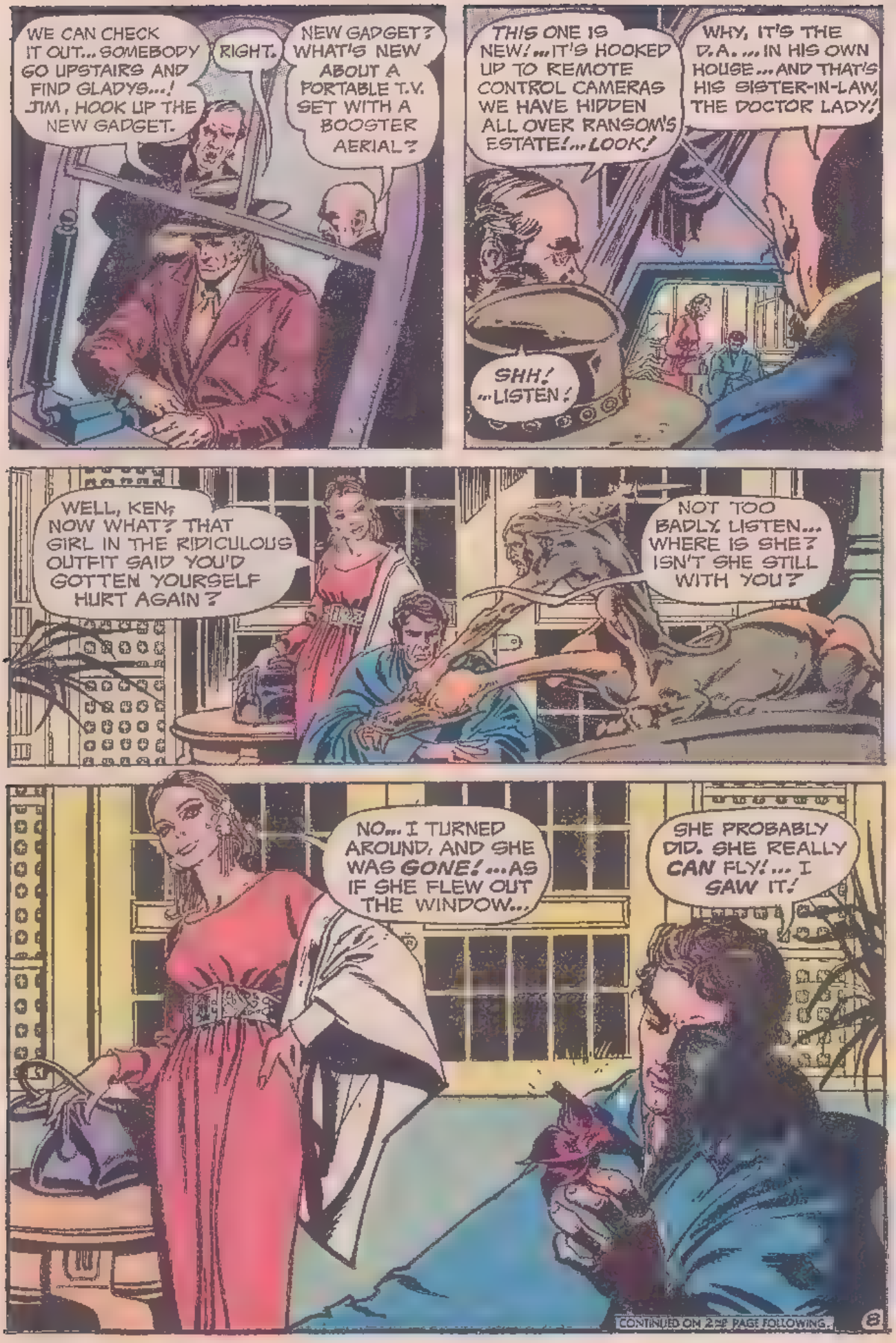
State_____ Zip_____ Age_____

APPROVED FOR TRAINING UNDER G.I. BILL

Veterans and Servicemen!
☐ Check here for G.I. Bill information.

NC-08

HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT? MYRA HASN'T PRACTICED MEDICINE SINCE SHE MARRIED MY BROTHER TOM... EIGHT YEARS AGO!
WELL, NOW THAT TOM HAS BEEN MURDERED, SHE MAY AS WELL GO BACK TO MEDICINE!...FIRST LET'S MAKE YOU COMFORTABLE!
A MINUTE LATER:
NOW I'LL GET MYRA...
SHE KNOWS A LOT ABOUT ME AND MY FAMILY... YET I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT HER ...EXCEPT MAYBE... THAT SHE USES A DELIGHTFULLY STRANGE PERFUME... AND DROPS THINGS WHEN SHE LEAVES A ROOM--
...IT'S AN ORCHID... A BLACK ORCHID... HM... ORCHIDS DON'T USUALLY SMELL... BUT THIS ONE DOES...
IT'S THAT PERFUME...HM... NOT MUCH OF A CLUE... BUT A NICE SOUVENIR!
MEANWHILE...
A GIRL? THE CRAZIEST THING I EVER HEARD!
MAYBE NOT, MAYOR...LISTEN... WE HAVEN'T SEEN GLADYS VINCENT SINCE JUST BEFORE MIDNIGHT... SHE WENT UPSTAIRS WITH A HEADACHE... REMEMBER?
NONSENSE! YOU CAN'T EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE THAT GLADYS PUT ON A MASK, FLEW THROUGH THE AIR... PICKED UP AN AUTOMOBILE, AND...
WELL, SOMEBODY DID IT, MAYOR...THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED!
I TOLD YOU THEY WOULDN'T BELIEVE IT!
7


WE CAN CHECK IT OUT... SOMEBODY GO UPSTAIRS AND FIND GLADYS...! JIM, HOOK UP THE NEW GADGET.
RIGHT.
NEW GADGET? WHAT'S NEW ABOUT A PORTABLE T.V. SET WITH A BOOSTER AERIAL?
THIS ONE IS NEW!... IT'S HOOKED UP TO REMOTE CONTROL CAMERAS WE HAVE HIDDEN ALL OVER RANSOM'S ESTATE!... LOOK!
WHY, IT'S THE D.A. ... IN HIS OWN HOUSE... AND THAT'S HIS SISTER-IN-LAW, THE DOCTOR LADY!
SHH! ...LISTEN!
WELL, KEN; NOW WHAT? THAT GIRL IN THE RIDICULOUS OUTFIT SAID YOU'D GOTTEN YOURSELF HURT AGAIN?
NOT TOO BADLY, LISTEN... WHERE IS SHE? ISN'T SHE STILL WITH YOU?
NO... I TURNED AROUND, AND SHE WAS GONE! ...AS IF SHE FLEW OUT THE WINDOW...
SHE PROBABLY DID. SHE REALLY CAN FLY! ... I SAW IT!
CONTINUED ON 2ND PAGE FOLLOWING...
8

Super

BODYBUILDING COURSE

INTRODUCING

MORRIE MITCHELL GAINED 65 POUNDS OF MUSCLE WHILE FOLLOWING OUR 'REVOLUTIONARY NEW METHODS' ON BODYBUILDING.

MUSCLES ON YOUR BODY!

At last, NEW bodybuilding secrets are now available for your use. Finally, after years of experimenting we have come up with the fastest muscle building system in the world. Our course really works — thousands have taken our course and have obtained fantastic results. Right in the privacy or your own bedroom, you can completely transform your body.

SEE YOUR MUSCLES GROW DAY BY DAY!

You can have POWERFUL MUSCLES FAST . . . not by years and years of hard work. . . . but by simply following our fascinating system . . . a system that works so fast you can see results from day to day! Isn't that the kind of course you want? We absolutely guarantee results.

HERE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE LETTERS WE HAVE RECEIVED:

"Wow! I'm making fantastic gains, following your new method of muscle building. I never knew it could be so easy to build muscles."
J. Johnson

"In just 3 weeks I have gained 1½" on my arms and 4" on my chest. I have also lost 4" off my waist. Your course is just great!"
D. Roberts

"I was a skinny weakling when I enrolled, now I've gained 10 pounds of muscle and I'm truly amazed. I'm
S. Abbott

"I'm transforming all the fat off my body and changing it into rock-hard muscle. It's amazing — I have lost 8" off my waist. I can actually see my muscles growing from day to day."
P. Williams

"I have gained 20 pound
just 30 days and I have g
over 5 inches on my che
find that my power has dou
bled. In sports I am a winner
in everything I do."
[illegible]

"I have gained 5" on my arms and 12" on my chest, while losing 3" off my waist. I have tripled my power and speed. Thanks for what you have done for me!"
M. Robinson

- ★ DOUBLE OR TRIPLE YOUR STRENGTH in record time! It wouldn't take long before you can perform feats of strength.
- ★ BUILD HUGE — GIANT SIZE muscles — fast. You'll have bulging muscles before you know it.
- ★ TRIM YOUR WAIST by following ultra-modern methods. It won't take long before your waist shows washboard abdominal muscles.
- ★ GAIN WEIGHT — You can actually gain up to 50 pounds of rock-hard muscle.
- ★ [illegible] — You'll find it easy to get rid of excess fat and replace it with muscle
- ★ FEEL 100% BETTER — You can't help but feel great once you own a muscular body.

UNIVERSAL BODYBUILDING
Box 485, Dept. S
Dearborn, Mich. 48121

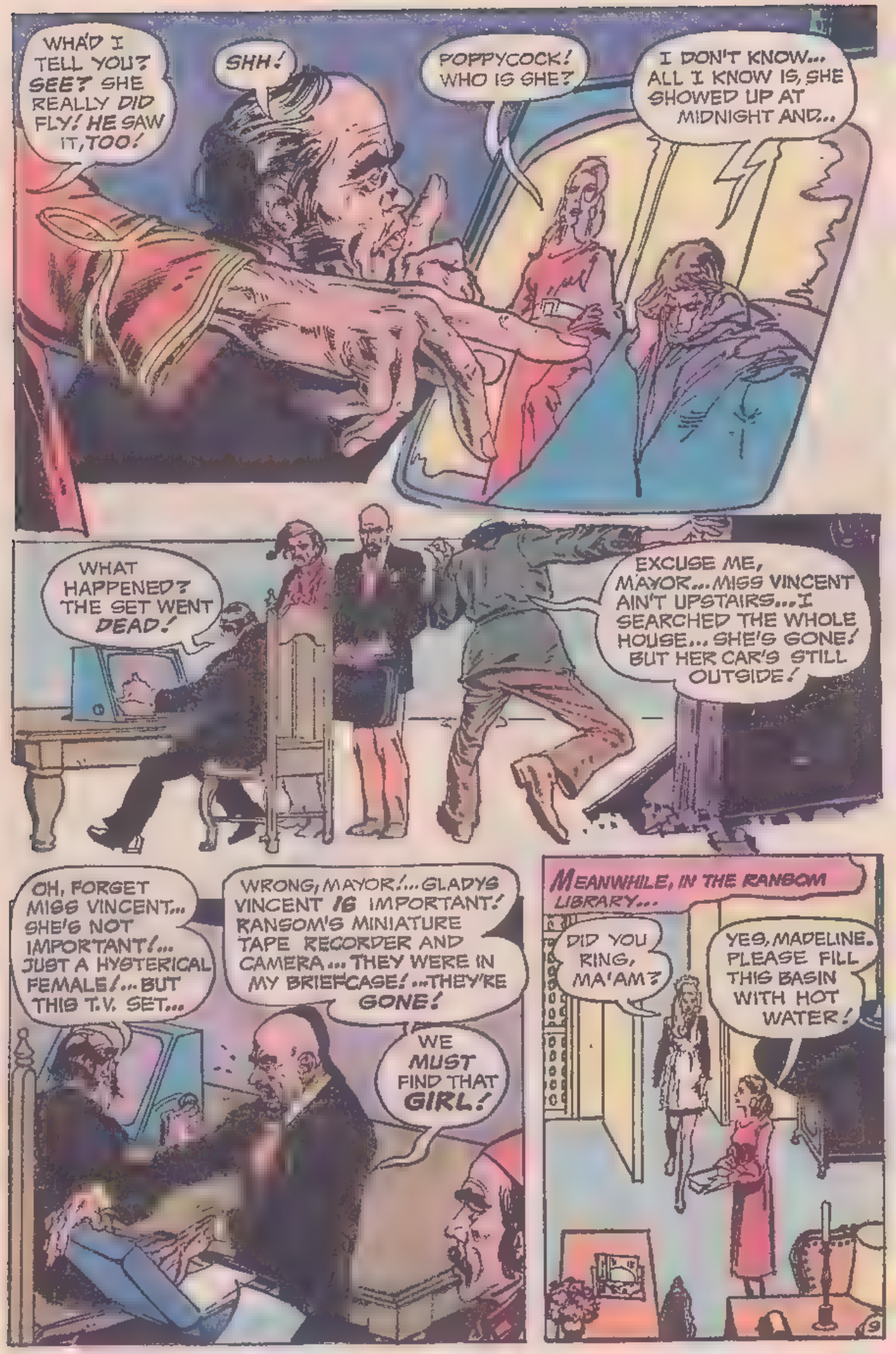
Shoot the 'works' to me free! Rush me all that free muscle-building information, so that I can add inches of powerful muscles — all in the privacy of my home. I am sending 25¢ to help cover postage and handling costs. I am under no obligation. (Please print)

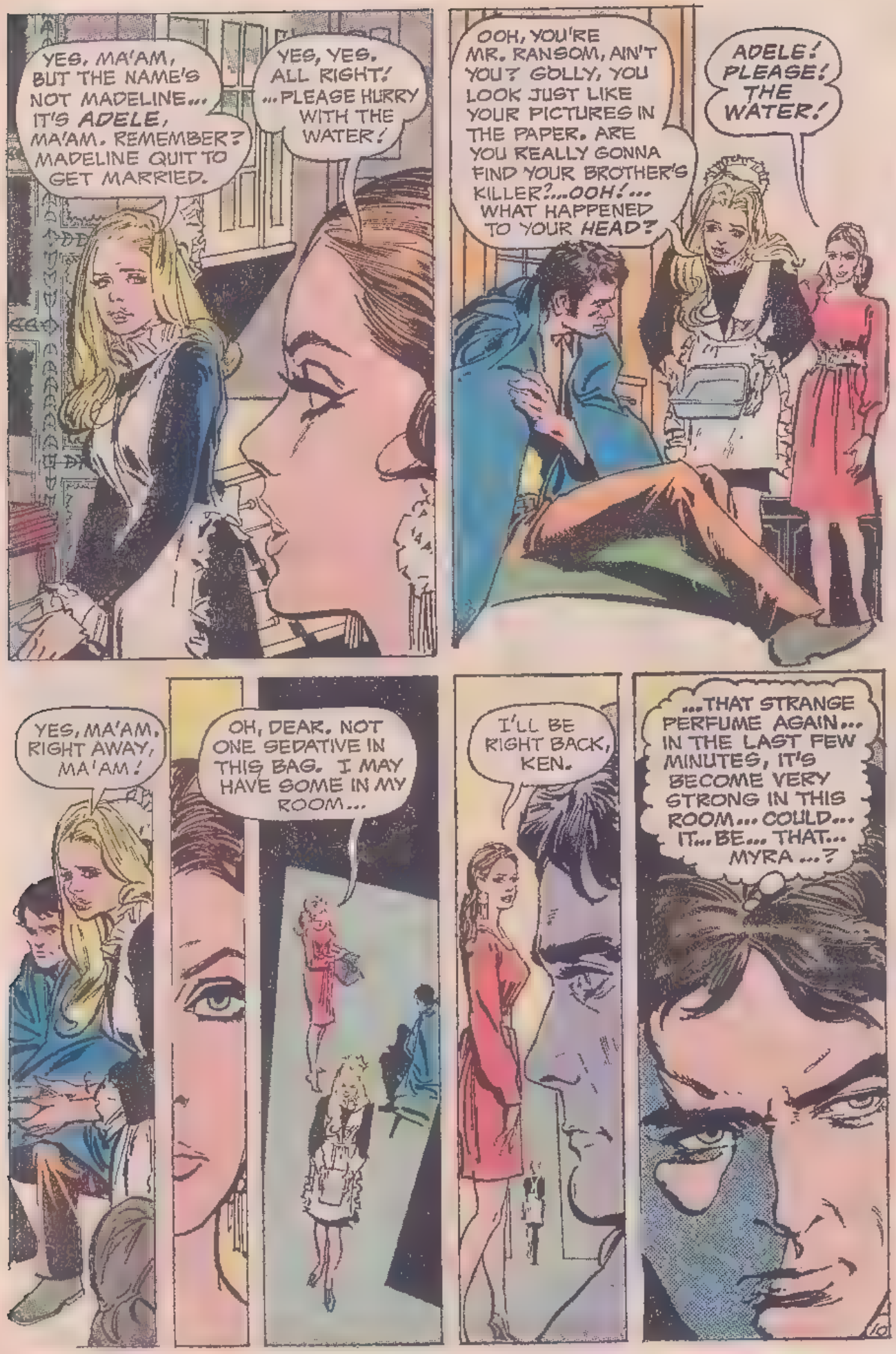
Name _____ Age _____

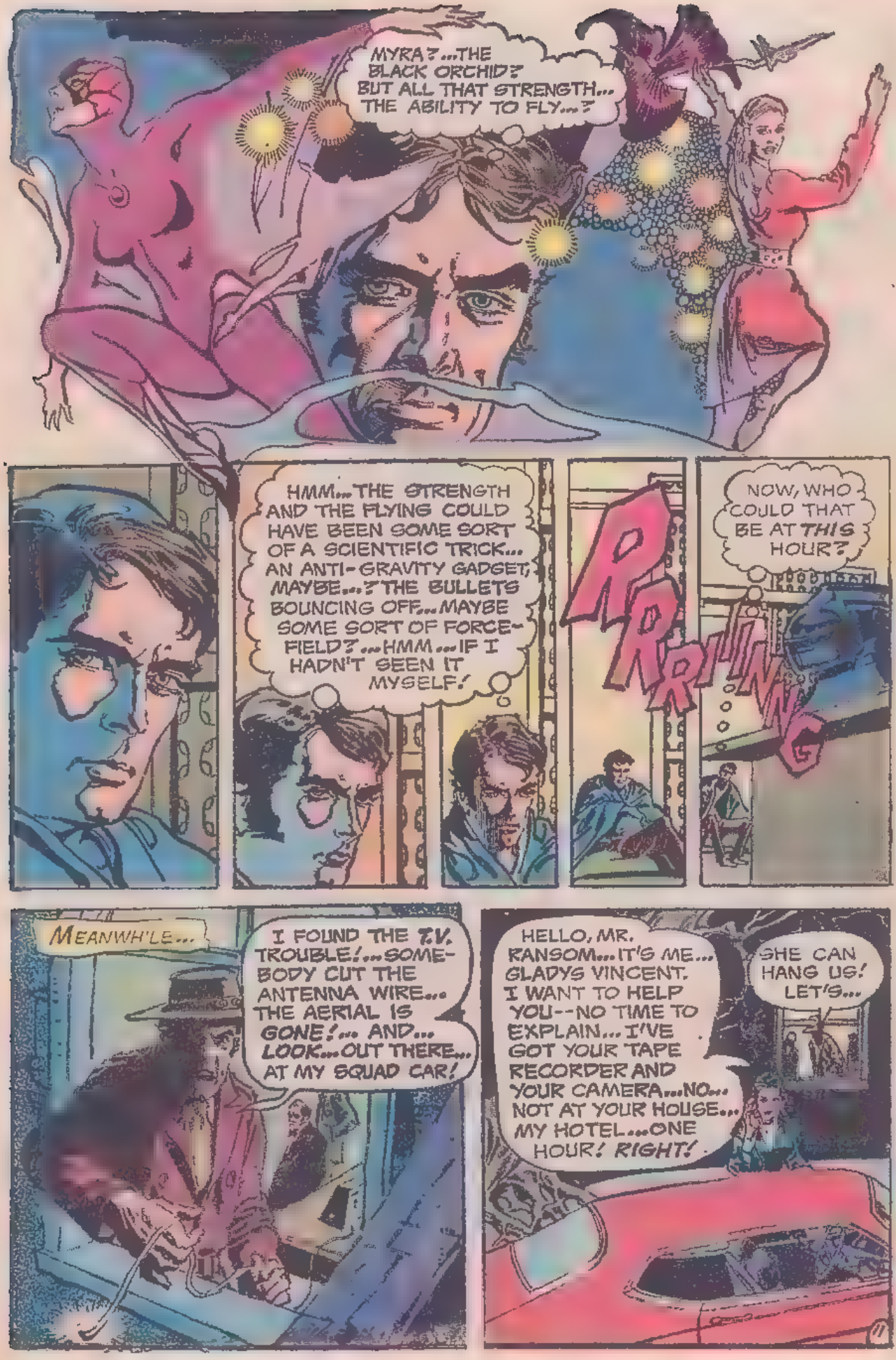
Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

MAIL TODAY


WHAD I TELL YOU? SEE? SHE REALLY DID FLY! HE SAW IT, TOO!
SHH!
POPPYCOCK! WHO IS SHE?
I DON'T KNOW... ALL I KNOW IS, SHE SHOWED UP AT MIDNIGHT AND...
WHAT HAPPENED? THE SET WENT DEAD!
EXCUSE ME, MAYOR... MISS VINCENT AIN'T UPSTAIRS... I SEARCHED THE WHOLE HOUSE... SHE'S GONE! BUT HER CAR'S STILL OUTSIDE!
OH, FORGET MISS VINCENT... SHE'S NOT IMPORTANT!... JUST A HYSTERICAL FEMALE!... BUT THIS T.V. SET...
WRONG, MAYOR!... GLADYS VINCENT IS IMPORTANT! RANSOM'S MINIATURE TAPE RECORDER AND CAMERA... THEY WERE IN MY BRIEFCASE!... THEY'RE GONE!
WE MUST FIND THAT GIRL!
MEANWHILE, IN THE RANSOM LIBRARY...
DID YOU RING, MA'AM?
YES, MADELINE. PLEASE FILL THIS BASIN WITH HOT WATER!
9


YES, MA'AM, BUT THE NAME'S NOT MADELINE... IT'S ADELE, MA'AM. REMEMBER? MADELINE QUIT TO GET MARRIED.
YES, YES. ALL RIGHT! ...PLEASE HURRY WITH THE WATER!
OOH, YOU'RE MR. RANSOM, AIN'T YOU? GOLLY, YOU LOOK JUST LIKE YOUR PICTURES IN THE PAPER. ARE YOU REALLY GONNA FIND YOUR BROTHER'S KILLER?...OOH!... WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR HEAD?
ADELE! PLEASE! THE WATER!
YES, MA'AM. RIGHT AWAY, MA'AM!
OH, DEAR. NOT ONE SEDATIVE IN THIS BAG. I MAY HAVE SOME IN MY ROOM...
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK, KEN.
...THAT STRANGE PERFUME AGAIN... IN THE LAST FEW MINUTES, IT'S BECOME VERY STRONG IN THIS ROOM... COULD... IT... BE... THAT... MYRA ...?


MYRA?...THE BLACK ORCHID? BUT ALL THAT STRENGTH... THE ABILITY TO FLY...?
HMM...THE STRENGTH AND THE FLYING COULD HAVE BEEN SOME SORT OF A SCIENTIFIC TRICK... AN ANTI-GRAVITY GADGET, MAYBE...? THE BULLETS BOUNCING OFF...MAYBE SOME SORT OF FORCE-FIELD?...HMM...IF I HADN'T SEEN IT MYSELF!
RRRRI-I-NNG
NOW, WHO COULD THAT BE AT THIS HOUR?
MEANWHILE...
I FOUND THE T.V. TROUBLE!...SOMEBODY CUT THE ANTENNA WIRE... THE AERIAL IS GONE!... AND... LOOK...OUT THERE... AT MY SQUAD CAR!
HELLO, MR. RANSOM...IT'S ME... GLADYS VINCENT. I WANT TO HELP YOU--NO TIME TO EXPLAIN...I'VE GOT YOUR TAPE RECORDER AND YOUR CAMERA...NO... NOT AT YOUR HOUSE... MY HOTEL...ONE HOUR! RIGHT!
SHE CAN HANG US! LET'S...

NO... LET HER MEET HIM... SHE JUST GAVE ME A WONDERFUL IDEA.
A MINUTE LATER, AT THE RANSOM ESTATE...
KEN?...OH, NO! ...HE'S GONE!... SO I DID HEAR THE PHONE RING BEFORE! THAT FOOL! HE'LL GET HIMSELF KILLED!
LATER, AT GLADYS VINCENT'S HOTEL...
SHE DOESN'T ANSWER MY KNOCK... HMM... DOOR'S UNLOCKED...
GOOD HEAVENS! SHE'S...
CONTINUED ON 3 DE PAGE FOLLOWING

5 NEW

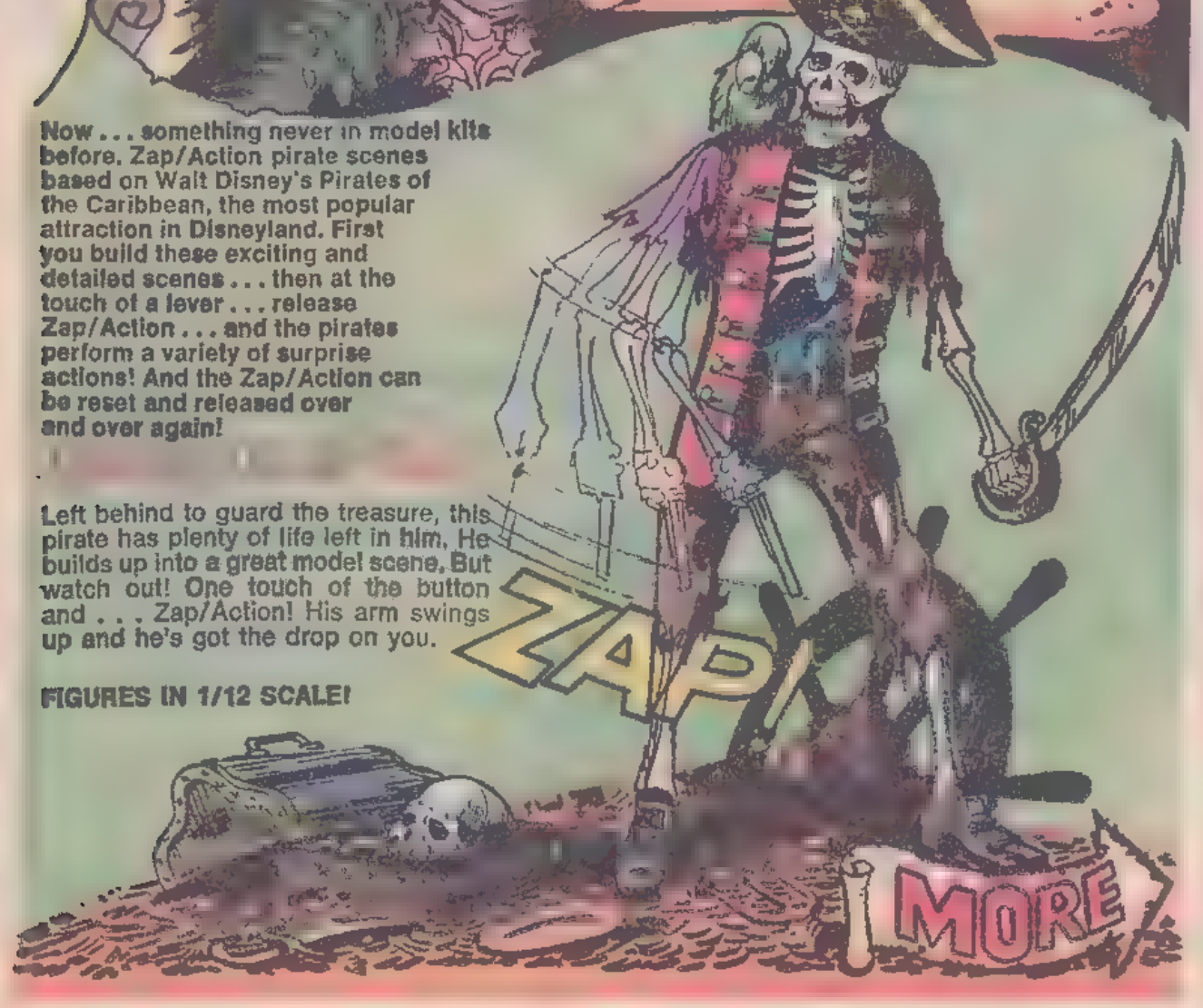
Zap/Action!

KITS FROM MPC

Now . . . something never in model kits before. Zap/Action pirate scenes based on Walt Disney's Pirates of the Caribbean, the most popular attraction in Disneyland. First you build these exciting and detailed scenes . . . then at the touch of a lever . . . release Zap/Action . . . and the pirates perform a variety of surprise actions! And the Zap/Action can be reset and released over and over again!

Left behind to guard the treasure, this pirate has plenty of life left in him. He builds up into a great model scene. But watch out! One touch of the button and . . . Zap/Action! His arm swings up and he's got the drop on you.

FIGURES IN 1/12 SCALE!



In fantastic detail Captain Villainy with his peg leg upon the king's ransom, preparing to fight all comers. And curses! That's just what happens when . . . Zap/Action! He swings his arm with sword in hand . . . and woe to the treasure hunters.

ZAP!

ALL WITH THE NEW CONCEPT OF zap/action

ZAP!

No fate worse than being dumped on a desert island . . . and falling in quicksand! One matey tries to help the other out, but a touch of the switch and . . . Zap/Action! The blighter's bones give way!

Here is a magnificent model scene . . . the remains of a badly battered ship with an old salty seaman behind the wheel. But one slight peek inside the hatch and . . . Zap/Action! Up leaps his angry mate, slamming down upon the treasure map.

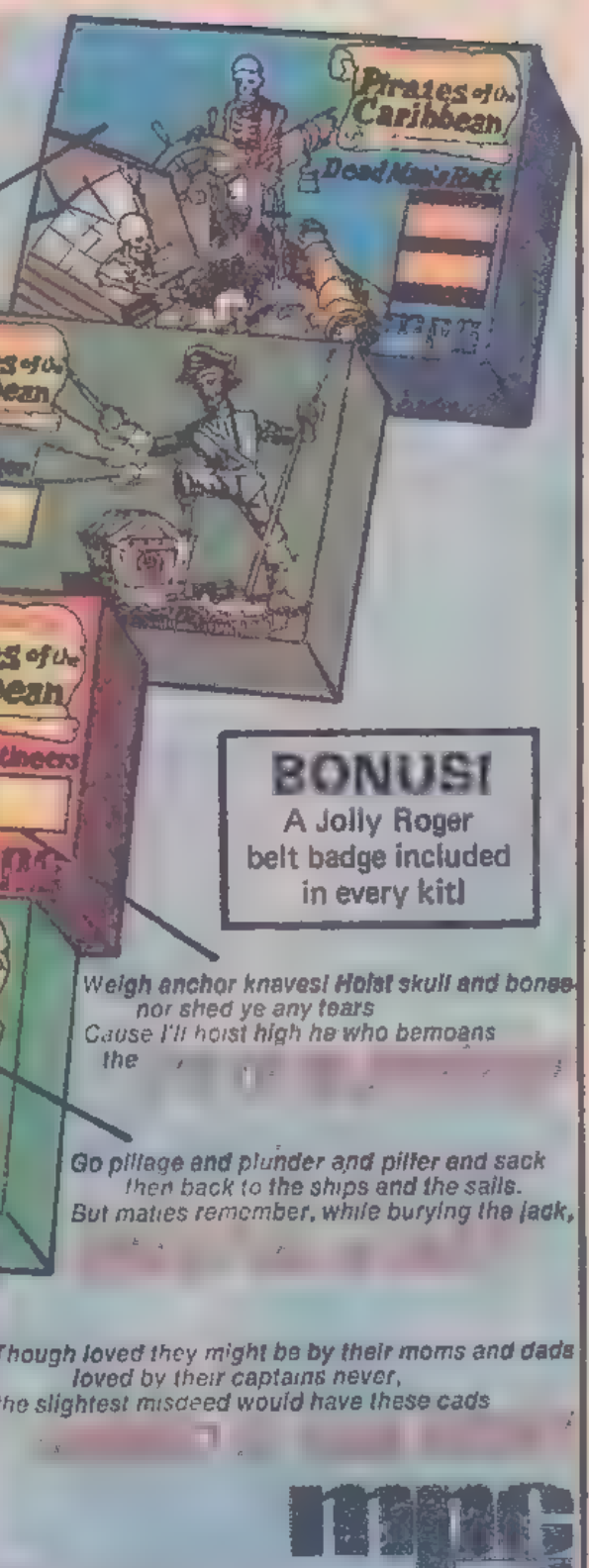
CHAINS FOREVER!
He tried to skip ship, but skip he will no longer. A hard hearted scene with alligator and all. But alligator beware! A finger's touch and . . . Zap/Action! Down swings the sword upon the alligator's head!
ZAP!
WHOOSH
ZAP

Walt D sney Productions

zap action!

Pirates of the Caribbean

©Walt Disney Productions


Pirates of the Caribbean
Dead Men's Reef
Pirates of the Caribbean
Hoist High The Jolly Roger
Pirates of the Caribbean
Fate Of The Mutineers
Pirates of the Caribbean
Dead Men Tell No Tales
Pirates of the Caribbean
Condemned To Chains Forever

They're b. ghters and beggars with villainous needs
pursuing a black sheep's craft
But lives thus filled with dastardly deeds
end on a

I've slashed the Spanish Main and more
in villainy and plunder.
The ladies squeal where'ere I roar

BONUS!
A Jolly Roger belt badge included in every kit!

Weigh anchor knaves! Hoist skull and bones
nor shed ye any tears
Cause I'll hoist high he who bemoans
the

Go pillage and plunder and pilfer and sack
then back to the ships and the sails.
But maties remember, while burying the jack,

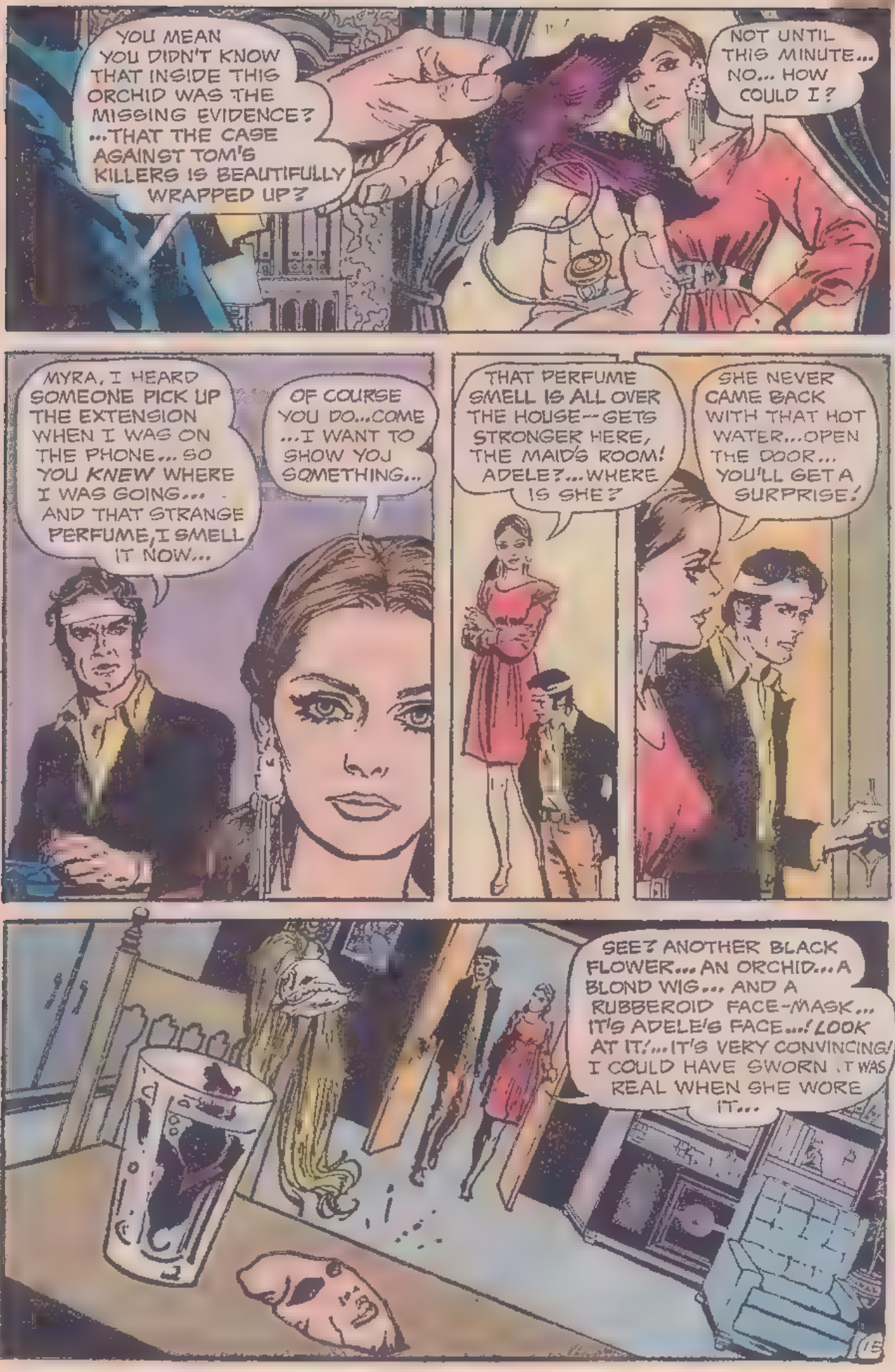
Though loved they might be by their moms and dads
loved by their captains never,
the slightest misdeed would have these cads

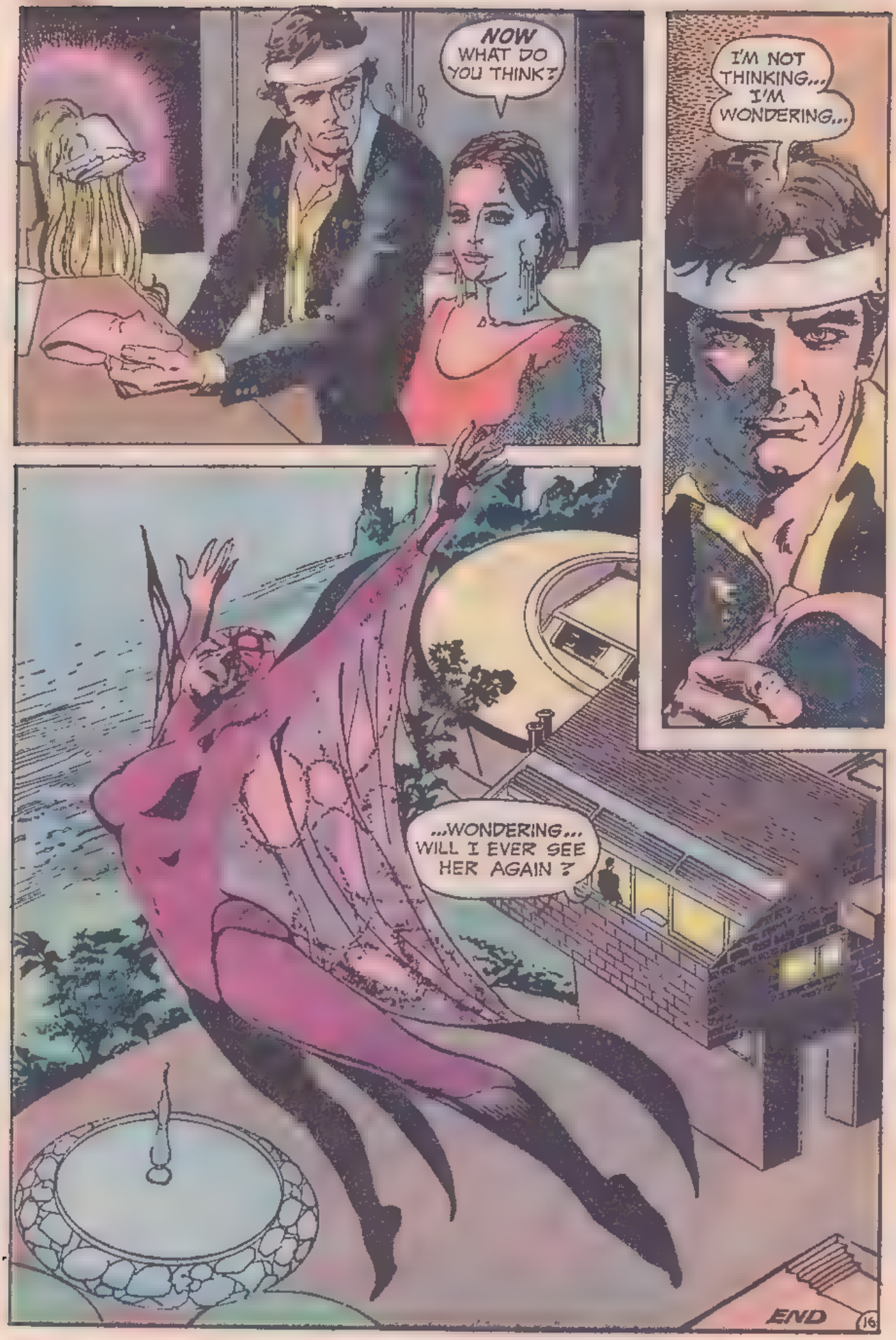
mpc

126 GROESBECK HIGHWAY MOUNT CLEMENS, MICHIGAN 48043

CRAACK
NOTHING LIKE SMELLING UP A ROOM WITH GOOD WHISKEY TO MAKE MURDER LOOK LIKE A DRUNKEN BRAWL!
...AND THERE'S NOTHING LIKE PUTTING A GUY'S FINGERPRINTS ALL OVER A MURDER WEAPON TO GET HIM IN DEEP TROUBLE!
...AND THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A MASKED MYSTERY WOMAN SHOWING UP IN THE NICK OF TIME TO GET A GUY OUT OF TROUBLE!
IT'S THAT DAME AGAIN! RUN!
TOO LATE FOR THAT!... WHERE ARE THOSE TAPES AND THE FILM?
MR.... CANARD... WAS... HERE... WITH... US... HE ... TOOK..! EM!

WELL, THIS WAS A GOOD NIGHT'S WORK... WE HAVE THE TAPE AND THE FILMS AND THAT D.A. IS IN A SPOT WHERE NOBODY WILL TAKE HIS WORD FOR ANYTHING!
STOP CROWING! OPEN THOSE GADGETS AND BURN THAT STUFF! HERE! USE MY LIGHTER!
DON'T BOTHER! I'LL TAKE THOSE!
IT'S THAT GIRL THOSE FOOLS WERE TALKING ABOUT!-- SHE LOOKS LIKE A HUGE -- BLACK ORCHID!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE! SHOOT HER, SOMEBODY! SHE'S BREAKING MY ARM!
ULP!... THEY WERE RIGHT! ...THE BULLETS DO BOUNCE OFF HER!
FOR GOD'S SAKE, STOP SHOOTING! YOU MIGHT HIT ME!
LATER... IN THE RANSOM LIBRARY...
...AND WHEN I CAME TO, HERE I WAS BACK IN MY OWN HOUSE... WITH ANOTHER BLACK ORCHID IN MY HAND! DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS, MYRA?
NOT A THING. I FOUND YOU HERE QUITE UNCONSCIOUS... PERIOD. HOLD STILL!


YOU MEAN YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT INSIDE THIS ORCHID WAS THE MISSING EVIDENCE? ...THAT THE CASE AGAINST TOM'S KILLERS IS BEAUTIFULLY WRAPPED UP?
NOT UNTIL THIS MINUTE... NO... HOW COULD I?
MYRA, I HEARD SOMEONE PICK UP THE EXTENSION WHEN I WAS ON THE PHONE... SO YOU KNEW WHERE I WAS GOING... AND THAT STRANGE PERFUME, I SMELL IT NOW...
OF COURSE YOU DO...COME ...I WANT TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING...
THAT PERFUME SMELL IS ALL OVER THE HOUSE--GETS STRONGER HERE, THE MAID'S ROOM! ADELE?...WHERE IS SHE?
SHE NEVER CAME BACK WITH THAT HOT WATER...OPEN THE DOOR... YOU'LL GET A SURPRISE!
SEE? ANOTHER BLACK FLOWER... AN ORCHID... A BLOND WIG... AND A RUBBEROID FACE-MASK... IT'S ADELE'S FACE...! LOOK AT IT!... IT'S VERY CONVINCING! I COULD HAVE SWORN IT WAS REAL WHEN SHE WORE IT...
15


NOW WHAT DO YOU THINK?
I'M NOT THINKING... I'M WONDERING...
...WONDERING... WILL I EVER SEE HER AGAIN?
END

ONLY $1.00

Enter the WONDERFUL WORLD Of *AMAZING* LIVE

SEA-MONKEYS®

Own a BOWLFULL OF HAPPINESS—*Instant* PETS!

Just ADD WATER - that's ALL! In ONE SECOND your AMAZING Sea Monkeys actually COME TO LIFE! Yes they hatch instantly, right before your eyes. Now, simply grow and enjoy the most adorable pets ever to bring smiles, laughter and fun into your home.

Always clowning around, these fro colome pets swim, stunt and play games with each other. Because they are so full of tricks, you'll never tire of watching them. And raising Sea-Monkeys is so easy, even a six-year old can do so without help. Sea Monkeys eat very little, and they keep their water so clean, they require only a minimum care - though they LOVE attention. Anyone who enjoys the company of pets will ADORE Sea-Monkeys. Best of all, we even show you how to teach them to obey your commands like a pack of friendly trained seals. What a way to surprise your guests.

FREE!
1—A ONE-YEAR SUPPLY of GROWTH FOOD
2—LIVING PLASMA
3—WATER PURIFIER
4—A magnificent, fully illustrated manual of Sea-Monkey care, raising, training and breeding
5—Our famous GROWTH GUARANTEE, IN WRITING.

UNICORN HOUSE DEPT 41F
200 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NEW YORK. 10010

IT SOUNDS GREAT! Please send my Sea-Monkey kit(s) and my FREE supplies and guarantee. I must be 100% satisfied or you will refund my money. I enclose $1.00 plus 30¢ shipping charges for each kit.

Send ____ kit(s) ☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Money Order
(No C.O.D.'s Please) Total amount enclosed $____

Name
Address
City State Zip

☐ SUPER-RUSH ORDERS (50¢ extra)

Copyright © 1971 Transcience Corporation

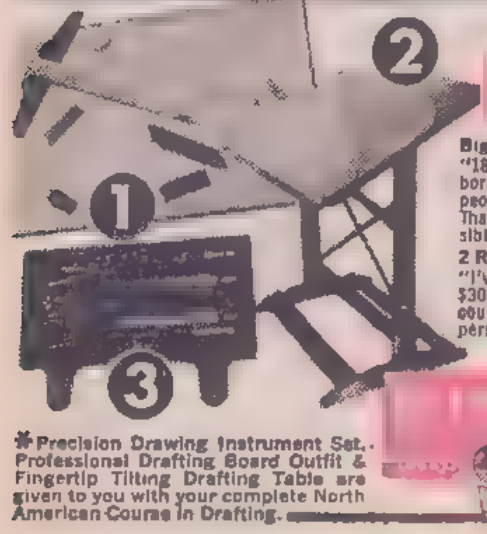
THESE 3 BIG DRAFTING KITS* GIVEN TO YOU!

Coast-to-Coast Shortage of Trained Draftsmen Opens Thousands Big Salary Jobs for Beginners!

Now you can take your pick of thousands of big salary jobs open to Draftsmen (see "help wanted" sections of metropolitan newspapers). Huge nationwide demand... U.S. Dept. of Labor reports "42% more Draftsmen needed in next 10 years—not enough applicants to fill drafting jobs available now!" Our easy "Quick-Learn" Method has helped hundreds toward good income, security and prestige as Draftsmen. Why not you?

YOU NEED NO DRAWING SKILL... NO TECHNICAL ABILITY

Our staff of Professional Draftsmen guide you step-by-step. With our spare time home-study plan you work on actual projects. Makes learning fun—easy to remember, too. Many graduates have succeeded with only grade school training. Others report good earnings drafting part time while still learning!



...when you train at home with us for a

HIGH PAY JOB IN DRAFTING

Big Promotion!
"18 months ago I was a laborer. Now I am foreman of 22 people in the Drafting Room. Thanks for making this possible." S. D., Mass.

2 Raises and $300 Bonus!
"I've had 2 boosts in salary and a $300 bonus in 11 months. Wish I could shake hands with your staff in person." A. C., Calif.

*Precision Drawing Instrument Set, Professional Drafting Board Outfit & Fingertip Tilting Drafting Table are given to you with your complete North American Course in Drafting.

RUSH COUPON FOR FREE KIT...

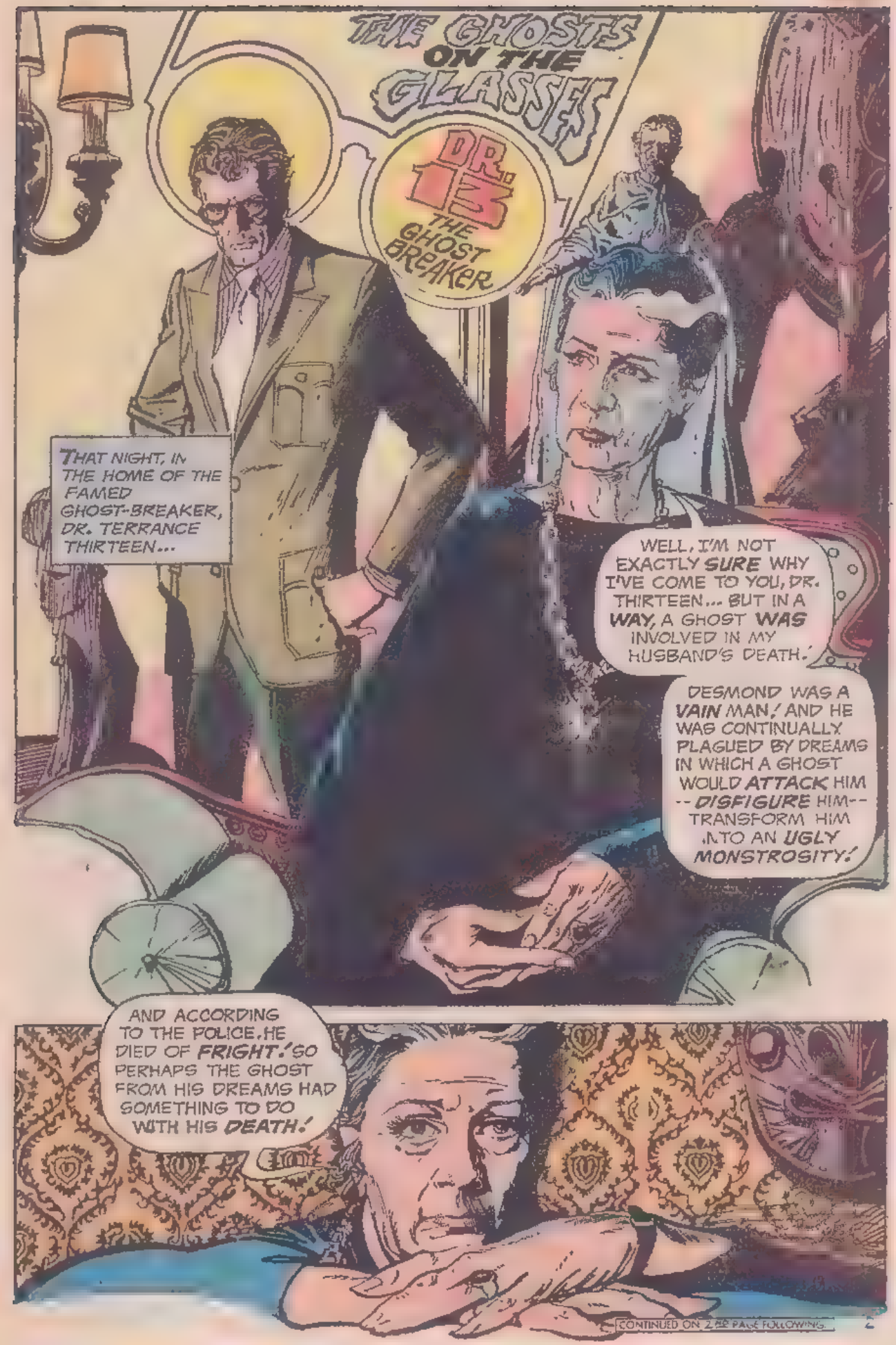
Mail coupon today for FREE "DRAFTING CAREER KIT," Sample Lesson, Drafting Aptitude Test including intriguing new 5-Way Drafting Instrument & 20-page Book "Your Future in Drafting"—jam-packed with revealing facts on your opportunities to win top pay and job security in Drafting. No salesman will call. Everything sent FREE and WITHOUT OBLIGATION. Write today!

North American School of Drafting, Dept. 32296
4500 Campus Dr., Newport Beach, CA 92663
Rush "DRAFTING CAREER KIT" — ALL FREE!

Name ____ Age ____
Address ____
City ____ State ____ Zip ____

A home-study program in association with Cleveland Engineering Inst.

TODAY IS JUST ANOTHER NORMAL WORKING DAY FOR MR. DESMOND RANDOLF...
--AND, AS ALWAYS, DUE TO HIS TREMENDOUS VANITY, MR. RANDOLF IS NOT WEARING HIS GLASSES... THOUGH HIS EYESIGHT IS SO POOR HE CAN HARDLY SEE A FOOT IN FRONT OF HIS FACE...
HEY! THAT LOOKS LIKE HARVEY HAMMOND! BUT... I THOUGHT HE WAS ON VACATION IN THE BAHAMAS!
CURIOUS, DESMOND TAKES A PAIR OF GLASSES OUT OF HIS JACKET POCKET IN ORDER TO SEE IF THE MAN HE SEES IS THE MAN HE THINKS HE SEES...
HUNH?
OH MY GOD! WHAT HAVE I DONE?
...AND SUDDENLY, AN ORDINARY BUSINESS DAY BECOMES A DAY OF HORRIBLE VISIONS...
NO! IT CAN'T BE! IT WAS--
AAARRRGH!
?
?
J-1729
HE'S DEAD!
HE WAS PERFECTLY FINE A MOMENT AGO!
GOOD GOD! WHA--WHAT HAPPENED?


THE GHOSTS ON THE GLASSES
DR. 13 THE GHOST BREAKER
THAT NIGHT, IN THE HOME OF THE FAMED GHOST-BREAKER, DR. TERRANCE THIRTEEN...
WELL, I'M NOT EXACTLY SURE WHY I'VE COME TO YOU, DR. THIRTEEN... BUT IN A WAY, A GHOST WAS INVOLVED IN MY HUSBAND'S DEATH.
DESMOND WAS A VAIN MAN, AND HE WAS CONTINUALLY PLAGUED BY DREAMS IN WHICH A GHOST WOULD ATTACK HIM -- DISFIGURE HIM -- TRANSFORM HIM INTO AN UGLY MONSTROSITY!
AND ACCORDING TO THE POLICE, HE DIED OF FRIGHT! SO PERHAPS THE GHOST FROM HIS DREAMS HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH HIS DEATH!
CONTINUED ON 2ND PAGE FOLLOWING

DATELINE: ADVENTURE

Dear Joe,

I skipped the first issue of the "New" ADVENTURE and bought the second. I was 2/3rds pleased with it, which is pretty good.

The story I didn't like was "The Adventurers' Club." It was just typical DC horror.

The one suggestion that Frank Murphy made on the letters page that I want to second is a new Deadman series. If you do this, I wish you would forget the Kirby Katastrophe of FOREVER PEOPLE #9 and 10, and use the premise that there is an over-abundance of evil in the world and a Deadman is needed to counteract some of that (this premise was used in AQUAMAN #50 and 52). A ghost hunting his killer has been run into the ground.

Cary Bates did a good job on the Vigilante adventure. I'm always glad to see Mike Sekowsky artwork. Vigilante is a good choice for the new Adventure because he is more of an adventurer than a super-dud with five different powers. By the same token, Deadman is fitted for Adventure.

As for Captain Fear, I think Alex Nino deserves a series of his own. Robert Kanigher is an old hand at delivering entertaining stories. I'd like to see Captain Fear become a sort of an Errol Flynn character. There was an old Quality comic called Buccaneers that housed a flock of dashing pirates. That's the sort of character that Capt. Fear should become.

I'll keep patronizing the new Adventure, waiting for an issue that is 100% good.

Bob Hobart, Mentor, Ohio

Dear Bob,

Your wishes will come true in ADVENTURE COMICS before the year is out. Arnold Drake, the creator of Deadman, dropped by our office the other day with a whole new bunch of plots for our resident ghost and Deadman will return! A book-length adventure of Deadman, followed by two more episodes of undetermined length, will appear very soon.

* * * * *

Dear Mr. Orlando,

I'm impressed with the potential of the new Adventure Comics, and now that we've had an issue that wasn't filled up with material that was better suited for House Of Mystery, I'm very pleased.

The Adventurers' Club seems like a great idea, and I'm looking for big things from Mr. Nelson Strong, yet the first installment wasn't up to what I HOPE will be par. This story was a mystery with a surprise ending, not a tale of adventure. There was no adventure in it at all. Let's hear from some real adventurers next time.

The Vigilante is a favorite of mine, and "Snow White Death" was a good story, but the Vig had no personality at all. I hope future stories will characterize him a little.

Captain Fear is a fine idea, but keep him in the Caribbean. His place is there, fighting imperialists, not in Indo-China rescuing them. I hope that he will develop an aura of mystery that will separate him from his crew. He should inspire fear and respect from his followers, fear and hatred from imperialists. Let Capt. Fear live up to his name.

Bill Winans, no address given

Send your comments to: DATELINE: ADVENTURE, National Periodical Publications, 909 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10022.

JUST PUT AN X NEXT TO THE COMICS YOU WANT!

ENCLOSE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY--CUT ON DOTTED LINE AND MAIL TO:
SUBSCRIPTION DEPT. P.O. BOX 1047, FLUSHING, N.Y. 11352
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THE COMICS YOU CHOOSE ARE PUBLISHED 6, 8, OR 12 TIMES A YEAR. YOU WILL RECEIVE 15 CONSECUTIVE ISSUES FOR $3.00!

SUBSCRIPTION DEPT., P.O. BOX 1047
FLUSHING, N.Y., 11352

Please start my subscription for 15 consecutive issues of each comic checked in the next columns.
I enclose $_____ (check or money order) at the rate of $3.00 per title ($4.00 each outside U.S.A.)

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: NATIONAL PERIODICAL PUBL., INC.

PRINT OR TYPE NAME AND FULL ADDRESS

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

ALLOW 10 WEEKS FOR FIRST DELIVERY!

SUPER-HEROES

1 ☐ ACTION
2 ☐ ADVENTURE
3 ☐ JIMMY OLSEN
4 ☐ LOIS LANE
5 ☐ SUPERBOY
6 ☐ SUPERMAN
7 ☐ WORLD'S FINEST
8 ☐ WANTED
9 ☐ SHAZAM
10 ☐ BATMAN
11 ☐ THE BRAVE AND THE BOLD
12 ☐ DETECTIVE
14 ☐ THE FLASH
16 ☐ JUSTICE LEAGUE
17 ☐ MISTER MIRACLE
20 ☐ WONDER WOMAN
21 ☐ SUPERGIRL
22 ☐ SECRET ORIGINS

MYSTERY

30 ☐ GHOSTS
31 ☐ HOUSE OF MYSTERY
32 ☐ HOUSE OF SECRETS
33 ☐ PHANTOM STRANGER
34 ☐ THE UNEXPECTED
35 ☐ THE WITCHING HOUR
36 ☐ THE DEMON
37 ☐ SWAMP THING
40 ☐ FORBIDDEN TALES OF DARK MANSION
41 ☐ SECRETS OF SINISTER HOUSE
42 ☐ WEIRD MYSTERY TALES
43 ☐ THE SHADOW
70 ☐ WEIRD WESTERN TALES

ROMANCE

45 ☐ FALLING IN LOVE
46 ☐ GIRLS' LOVE STORIES
47 ☐ LOVE STORIES
48 ☐ YOUNG LOVE
49 ☐ YOUNG ROMANCE

WAR

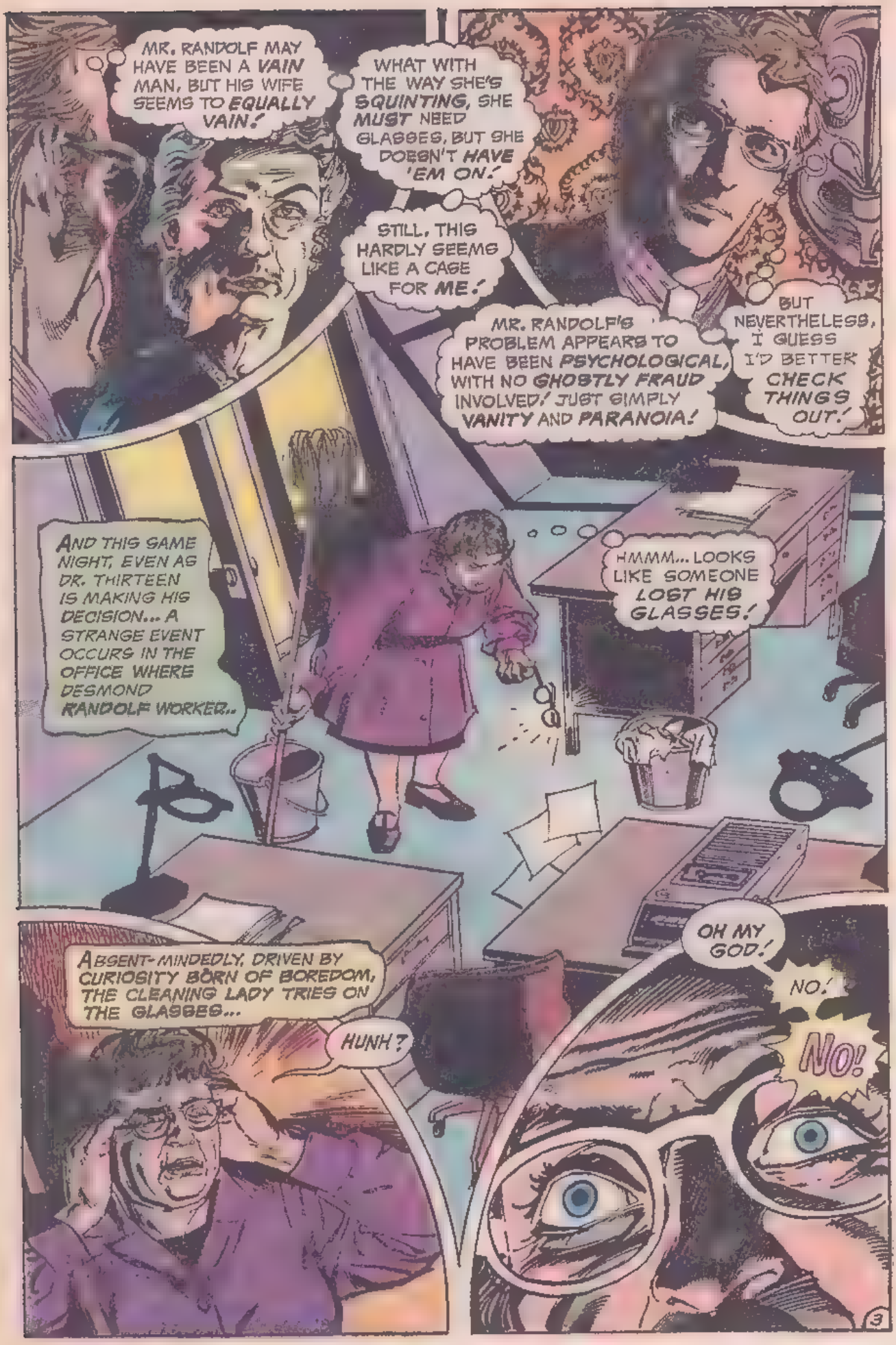
60 ☐ G.I. COMBAT
61 ☐ OUR ARMY AT WAR
62 ☐ OUR FIGHTING FORCES
63 ☐ STAR SPANGLED WAR STORIES
64 ☐ WEIRD WAR TALES

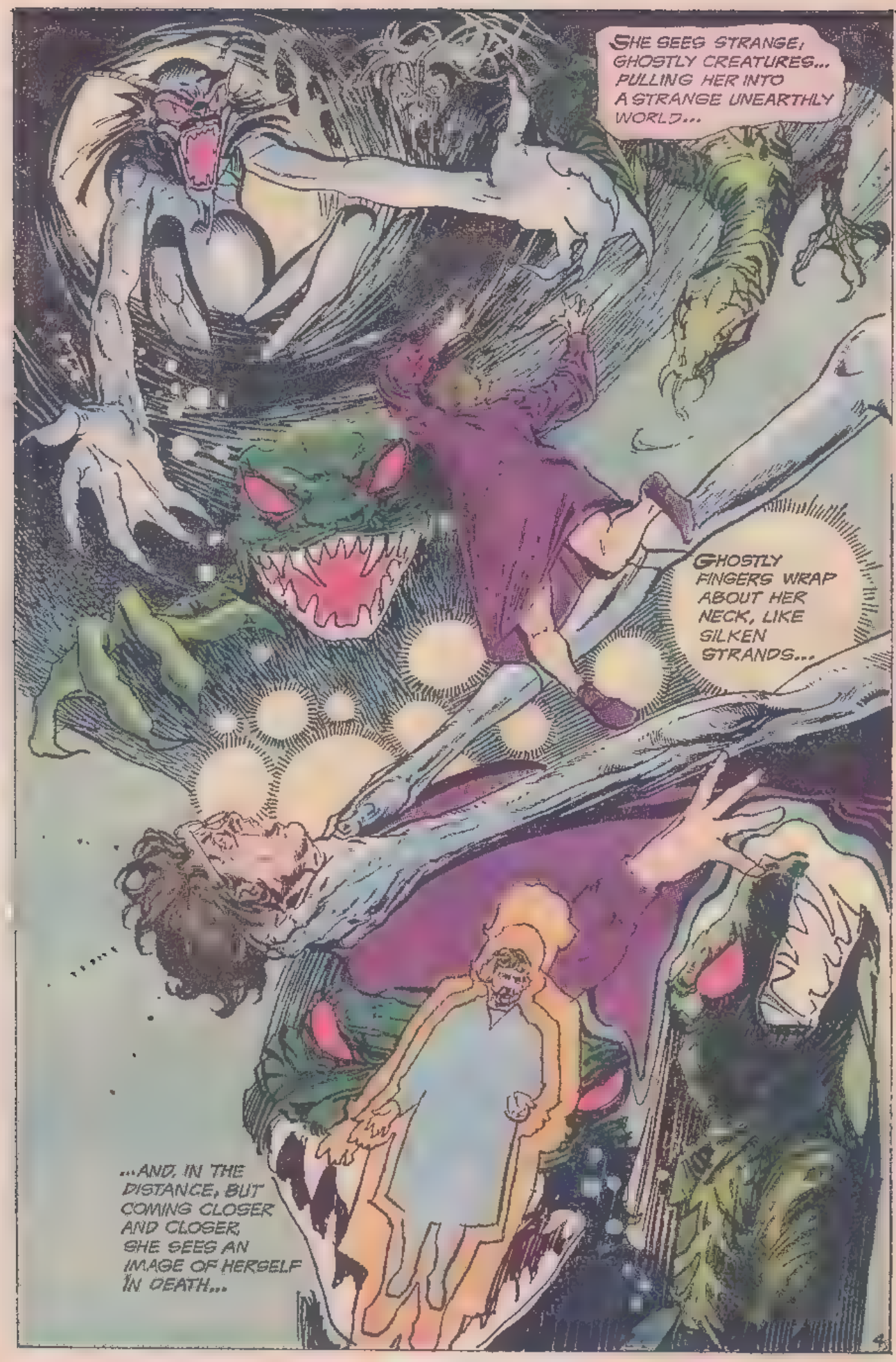
ADVENTURE

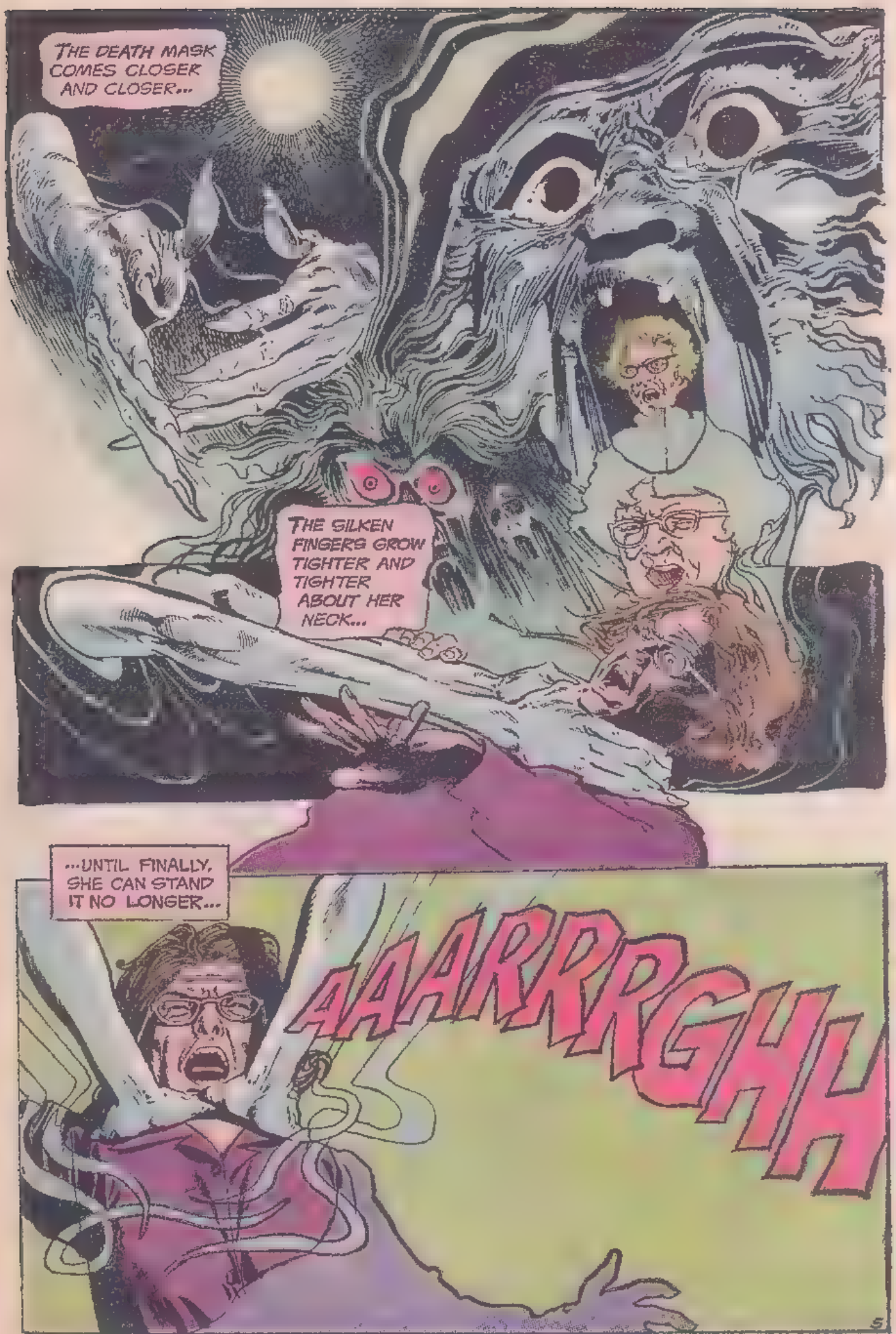
75 ☐ TARZAN
76 ☐ KORAK
77 ☐ WEIRD WORLDS
78 ☐ KAMANDI
79 ☐ SWORD OF SORCERY

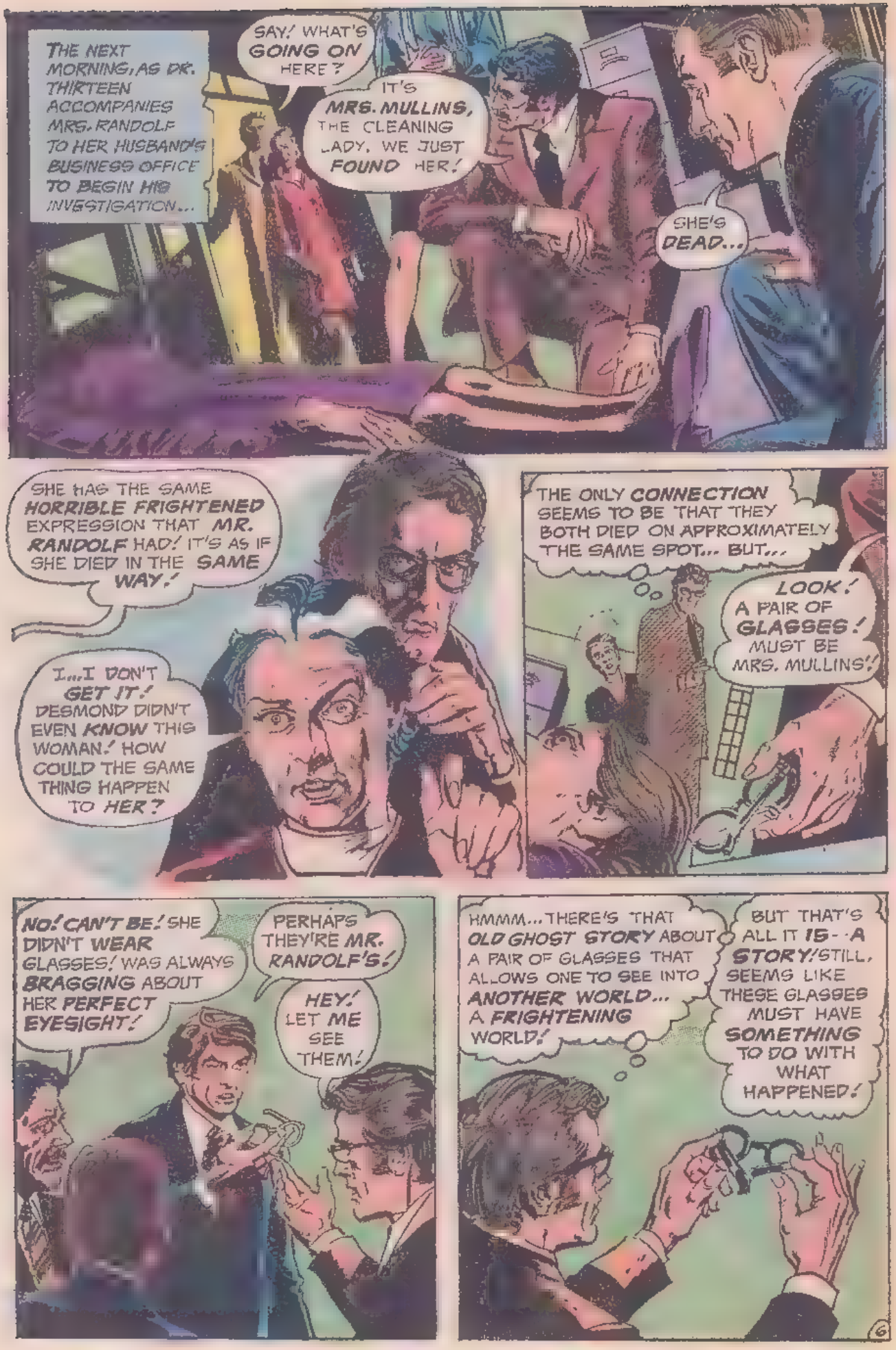
SCIENCE FICTION

80 ☐ FROM BEYOND THE UNKNOWN
81 ☐ STRANGE ADVENTURES


MR. RANDOLF MAY HAVE BEEN A VAIN MAN, BUT HIS WIFE SEEMS TO EQUALLY VAIN!
WHAT WITH THE WAY SHE'S SQUINTING, SHE MUST NEED GLASSES, BUT SHE DOESN'T HAVE 'EM ON!
STILL, THIS HARDLY SEEMS LIKE A CASE FOR ME!
MR. RANDOLF'S PROBLEM APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN PSYCHOLOGICAL, WITH NO GHOSTLY FRAUD INVOLVED! JUST SIMPLY VANITY AND PARANOIA!
BUT NEVERTHELESS, I GUESS I'D BETTER CHECK THINGS OUT!
AND THIS SAME NIGHT, EVEN AS DR. THIRTEEN IS MAKING HIS DECISION... A STRANGE EVENT OCCURS IN THE OFFICE WHERE DESMOND RANDOLF WORKED..
HMMM... LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE LOST HIS GLASSES!
ABSENT-MINDEDLY, DRIVEN BY CURIOSITY BORN OF BOREDOM, THE CLEANING LADY TRIES ON THE GLASSES...
HUNH?
OH MY GOD!
NO!
No!
3


SHE SEES STRANGE, GHOSTLY CREATURES... PULLING HER INTO A STRANGE UNEARTHLY WORLD...
GHOSTLY FINGERS WRAP ABOUT HER NECK, LIKE SILKEN STRANDS...
...AND, IN THE DISTANCE, BUT COMING CLOSER AND CLOSER, SHE SEES AN IMAGE OF HERSELF IN DEATH...


THE DEATH MASK COMES CLOSER AND CLOSER...
THE SILKEN FINGERS GROW TIGHTER AND TIGHTER ABOUT HER NECK...
...UNTIL FINALLY, SHE CAN STAND IT NO LONGER...
AARRRGHH
5


THE NEXT MORNING, AS DR. THIRTEEN ACCOMPANIES MRS. RANDOLF TO HER HUSBAND'S BUSINESS OFFICE TO BEGIN HIS INVESTIGATION...
SAY! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
IT'S MRS. MULLINS, THE CLEANING LADY. WE JUST FOUND HER!
SHE'S DEAD...
SHE HAS THE SAME HORRIBLE FRIGHTENED EXPRESSION THAT MR. RANDOLF HAD! IT'S AS IF SHE DIED IN THE SAME WAY!
I...I DON'T GET IT! DESMOND DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THIS WOMAN! HOW COULD THE SAME THING HAPPEN TO HER?
THE ONLY CONNECTION SEEMS TO BE THAT THEY BOTH DIED ON APPROXIMATELY THE SAME SPOT... BUT...
LOOK! A PAIR OF GLASSES! MUST BE MRS. MULLINS!
NO! CAN'T BE! SHE DIDN'T WEAR GLASSES! WAS ALWAYS BRAGGING ABOUT HER PERFECT EYESIGHT!
PERHAPS THEY'RE MR. RANDOLF'S!
HEY! LET ME SEE THEM!
HMMM... THERE'S THAT OLD GHOST STORY ABOUT A PAIR OF GLASSES THAT ALLOWS ONE TO SEE INTO ANOTHER WORLD... A FRIGHTENING WORLD!
BUT THAT'S ALL IT IS--A STORY! STILL, SEEMS LIKE THESE GLASSES MUST HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH WHAT HAPPENED!
6

THEN...
HUNH?
GOOD GOD! THERE'S THE ANSWER!
A NEEDLE, DESIGNED JUST TO PRICK THE SKIN! IT MUST HAVE BEEN DIPPED IN SOME POWERFUL DRUG!
A DRUG OVERDOSE! HORRIBLE HALLUCINATIONS! THAT WOULD TEND TO LOOK LIKE SOMEONE DIED OF FRIGHT!
THE PLAN MUST HAVE BEEN TO KILL MR. RANDOLF! MRS. MULLINS' DEATH WAS JUST AN ACCIDENT-- A HORRIBLE ACCIDENT!
BUT WHO COULD HAVE GOTTEN CLOSE ENOUGH TO MR. RANDOLF TO DO THIS TO HIS GLASSES?
COULDN'T HAVE BEEN HIS WIFE! WOULDN'T MAKE SENSE THEN THAT SHE CAME TO ME!
THAT EVENING, AT HOME, AFTER HAVING EXPLAINED TO THE POLICE, THE FAMED GHOST-BREAKER CONTINUES TO PONDER THE SITUATION...
DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT MR. RANDOLF TO KNOW WHY ANYONE WOULD WANT TO KILL HIM! BUT THE MAIN THING IN THIS CASE ISN'T MOTIVE, IT'S OPPORTUNITY!
HEY! WAIT A MINUTE!
I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING!
GOTTA CALL THE POLICE! CHECK THIS OUT!
7

PRESENTLY, AT THE RANDOLF HOME...
WELL, WHAT IS THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT YOU WANTED TO TALK TO ME ABOUT?
I FOUND OUT THOSE GLASSES WEREN'T YOUR HUSBAND'S AFTER ALL! HIS WERE STILL IN HIS JACKET POCKET WHEN HIS BODY WAS REMOVED!
BUT... THEN WHOSE WERE THEY?
YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE! THEY WERE YOURS!
YOU SECRETLY KNEW IT ALL ALONG, DIDN'T YOU? BUT YOU WERE AFRAID TO ADMIT IT TO YOURSELF, LET ALONE TO ME!
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
I DON'T KNOW WHY YOUR HUSBAND WANTED TO MURDER YOU! YOU PROBABLY KNOW, THOUGH!
HE HAD THOSE GLASSES RIGGED UP FOR YOU TO USE! THEN, IN THE OFFICE, HE ACCIDENTALLY MIXED THEM UP WITH HIS OWN...
NO! IT'S NOT TRUE! MY HUSBAND WOULDN'T TRY TO KILL ME! NOT DESMOND!
HE REALIZED WHAT HE HAD DONE TOO LATE TO SAVE HIMSELF! THAT'S THE WHOLE STORY!
NO! IT'S NOT TRUE! HE WOULDN'T! HE WOULDN'T!
WELL, THAT FINISHES THIS CASE! I'D BETTER GET MRS. RANDOLF'S MAID IN HERE! HAVE HER LOOK AFTER MRS. RANDOLF!
MURDER IS MADNESS—HIDEOUS MADNESS. JUSTICE WAS SERVED—A MAD SORT OF JUSTICE—BUT AN INNOCENT WOMAN WAS ALSO KILLED. THIS THEN IS THE MADNESS OF MURDER!
NEXT ISSUE ON SALE ON OR ABOUT JUNE 28TH
END

If you like

you should join The Sports Illustrated Game Club Today!

It's that kind of club...loaded with people who enjoy sports and like to play games...the most realistic and exciting sports games in America!

SI Game Club Members play:

Sports Illustrated Major League Baseball and All-Time All-Star Baseball...two exciting, easy-to-play games that let them *manage* all their favorite stars and teams...of today *and yesterday!*

Sports Illustrated Pro and College Football ...two action-packed games that let them *coach and quarterback* their favorite pro and college teams.

Sports Illustrated Golf...which challenges them to test their golfing skill on a "dream" course that features the best 18 golf holes in America!

Sports Illustrated Decathlon...a one-of-a-kind game that captures all the drama and excitement of track & field competition, and lets them pit seven of the greatest Olympic athletes of all time against each other in the ten events of the decathlon.

But SI Game Clubbers do more than play games...

...they receive GAME TALK—our Club Newsletter. It tells them what's happening in the hundreds of SI Game Leagues across the country...how they can join or start leagues of their own...lets them be the first to hear of—and buy, if they wish—new SI Games, sports posters and other products *at big savings.*

So get in on a good thing!

Join the Sports Illustrated Game Club *today!* You can't miss! Simply fill out the coupon below and sent it—along with 25¢ (to cover postage and handling)—to The Sports Illustrated Game Club, Time & Life Bldg., New York, N.Y. 10020. (If someone has beaten you to the coupon, just send us your name & address—plus 25¢.) Within two weeks you will be enrolled as an official SI Game Club Member...and will receive our special 8-page GAME TALK Newsletter and Catalog. Welcome to The Club!

Sports Illustrated Games are created and quality-guaranteed by Sports Illustrated America's # 1 sports magazine!

TAPE QUARTER HERE

YES! I want to join The Club!
Please enroll me as an official SI Game Club Member and send me your special GAME TALK Newsletter and Catalog immediately. (I have enclosed 25c to cover postage and handling.)

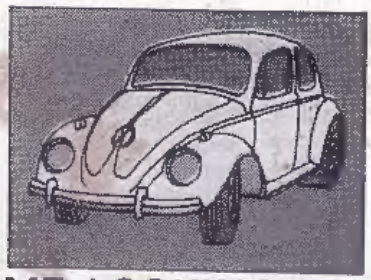
The Sports Illustrated Game Club
Time & Life Bldg., New York, N.Y.10020

name _____

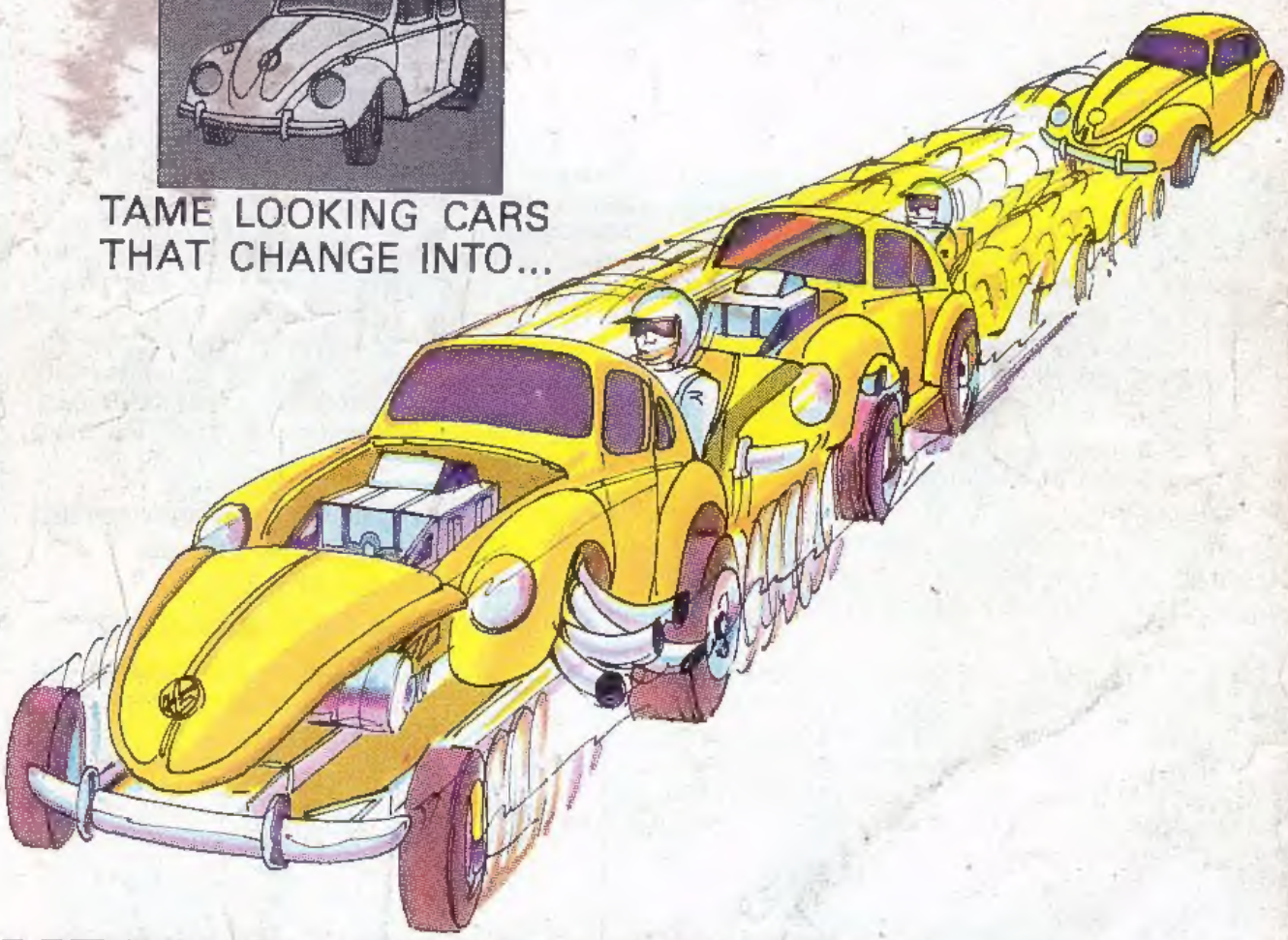
address _____

city _____ state _____ zip _____

THE IMPOSTERS™

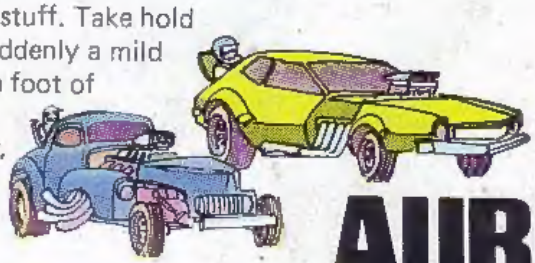


TAME LOOKING CARS
THAT CHANGE INTO...



MEAN RACING MACHINES

The Imposters. You have to see them do their stuff. Take hold of the stick shift and get ready for a shock. Suddenly a mild mannered street machine changes into nearly a foot of road gobbling racing machine. Front end out. Engine up. 400 cubes. Then up pops the driver, ready to cut down all comers. The Imposters. **They're a lot more car than meets the eye.**



AURORA®

(C) 1972 Aurora Products Corp.,
44 Cherry Valley Road, West Hempstead, N.Y. 11552